

THE PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM COMPANY

MINUTES

March 5, 1821 to October 11, 1827

American Philosophical Society

June 25, 1827 to December 31, 1840

Smithsonian Institution

January 8, 1841 to June 10, 1845

Historical Society of Pennsylvania

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An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of the  
Philadelphia Museum

Whereas the Museum founded by Charles Willson Peale, is an institution not only honorable to the City of Philadelphia, but to the state of Pennsylvania, as a repository of much useful knowledge; and it is important that so large and valuable a collection should be placed beyond the chance of division, and that its improvements should be encouraged and secured by consolidating its interests, -----

And Whereas it has been represented to the Legislature, that the said Charles Willson Peale has conveyed the said Museum, and all right, title, and interest therein, to Raphael Peale, Rembrandt Peale, Robert Peale, Linnaeus Peale, Franklin Peale, and William Peale, who have nominated and appointed the persons hereinafter named, Trustees for the use of the holders and owners of shares, into which the property or ownership of the said Museum has been or may be divided, for the purpose at

the said list of preserving and perpetuating the same for the public benefit, and of securing a moderate compensation for the expenses and labour attending its preparation and exhibitions; and the said Charles Willson Peale as well as the said Trustees and shareholders are desirous of obtaining a Charter of incorporation to effect the purpose aforesaid, -----

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly Met, and is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Peter Diller, Raphael Peale, Rembrandt Peale, Solomon Sellers, and Robert Peale, and their Successors, to be enlisted as hereinafter is mentioned, shall be and they are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style, and title of The

Philadelphia Museum Company," and, by the same name, shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of record and elsewhere, and shall be competent and capable, in law and equity, to take and to hold, to them and their successors, for the use of the said Museum, land, tenements, hereditaments, goods, and chattles, of whatsoever kind, nature, or quality, real, personal, or mixed, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise, or bequest, from any person or persons whatsoever capable of making the same, and the same from time to time to grant, bargain, sell, devise, alien, or dispose of, for the use of the said Museum, and to rent, purchase, or erect such building, or place of exhibition, as may be necessary, and generally to do all and singular the matters and things which shall be lawful for them to do, for the well being of the said Museum, and the due management and ordering the affairs thereof: Provided, that the Stockholders, composing the corporation, shall be liable, in their individual capacities, for the debts of the incorporation, in case the company becomes insolvent. \_\_\_\_\_

Section 2. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Capital stock or common property of the said corporation, shall be divided into, and consist of, five hundred shares, of the value of two hundred dollars each, which shall be transferable only in person or by attorney, in writing, upon the books of the said corporation, and in the presence of the Manager thereof. \_\_\_\_\_

Section 3. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that a General Stated Meeting of the shareholders shall be held at the Rooms on the first Monday of January in every year, at such hour as

shall be designated by the Trustees, of which ten days notice shall be given in at least two daily Gazettes published in the city of Philadelphia, where and when an election for five Trustees shall be held to serve for one year. Provided, that the first election shall take place on the first Monday in the month of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty one: until which time, the Trustees aforesaid shall continue to perform the duties and exercise the privileges aforesaid; each share shall be entitled to one vote, and it is hereby provided, that if by any accident no election should take place on the stated day, the Trustees elected the preceding year shall continue in office, until the next ensuing time of election as aforesaid, and so whenever an election shall be omitted at the regular time, and in case of vacancy at any time it shall be competent for the remaining Trustees to supply the same with like effect, as if the person so nominated by them had been duly elected by the shareholders at the stated time. \_\_\_\_\_

Section 4. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Trustees, from time to time, shall have power to make by-laws, rules, and regulations for the good government of the said Museum, as circumstances may require: Provided always, that the said by-laws, rules, and regulations shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States, or of the State of Pennsylvania, or with the provision of this act. \_\_\_\_\_

Section 5. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no mismanagement of the said Corporation shall defeat or annul any gift, grant, devise or bequest to the said Museum. \_\_\_\_\_

Section 6. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,

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That the said Trustees shall on the first Monday in January of every year, or within ten days thereafter, appoint a Manager of the said Museum who shall have charge of the property, receive and arrange all additions, keep a regular account of the income and expenses, and shall receive such per cent on the net amount paid by the visitors, as a compensation for his services, as the Trustees shall from time to time authorize and direct; and in case of his death, resignation, or removal by the Trustees, his place shall be supplied by them with all convenient dispatch, \_\_\_\_\_

Section 7. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall not be lawful for the Trustees or holders of Capital stock of the said Corporation, at any time hereafter, to remove or cause to be removed the said Museum, or any part thereof from the City of Philadelphia, under penalty of forfeiting to the Corporation of the said City, double the value of the articles so removed, to be recovered from any one or more of the Trustees or Shareholders, who shall have consented to and authorized such removal \_\_\_\_\_

Section 8. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Trustees aforesaid shall call special meetings of the shareholders whenever a majority of them may deem it expedient, or whenever requested in writing so to do, by any number of Shareholders, who shall together be proprietors of at least fifty shares, and the notice of such meetings shall be the same as that which is prescribed for the annual Meetings. \_\_\_\_\_

John Gilmore, Speaker of the House of Representatives,

William Mark, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Speaker of the Senate,

Approved, February the first, one thousand eight

hundred and twenty one,

Joseph Sinton,

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On Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 1821, Charles W. Peale the sole proprietor & shareholder of the Museum agreeably to the act of incorporation elected the following gentlemen: Vize: P. Butler, Z. Collins, R. Patterson, U. Sellers and W. Peale, as Trustees of the Museum until the first Monday of January next -.

April 21<sup>th</sup> 1821.

The Board of Trustees of "The Philadelphia Museum Company" met at the Museum.

Present

Zachary Collins. Robert Patterson, Coleman Sellers & Robert Peale

(Pierce Butler being on a visit in Georgia.)

This being the first Meeting of the board since their legal election on the first Monday of March last, the Members present proceeded to organize their Board when it was agreed that the officers of the board consist of a President a Vice-President & a Secretary: whereupon \_\_\_\_

Pierce Butler was chosen President \_\_\_\_\_

Robert Patterson Vice President \_\_\_\_\_

& Coleman Sellers Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

On Motion it was resolved that Robert Peale be appointed Manager of the Museum \_\_\_\_\_

On Motion it was further resolved that four Lectureships Vize. of Physiology, Zoology, Comparative Anatomy & Mineralogy be appointed in the Museum: whereupon \_\_\_\_

Dr. J. D. Goddard was chosen to the first.

Thomas Say was chosen to the second

D.<sup>r</sup> Richard Harlan to the third, and

Gerard Probst to the fourth \_\_\_\_\_

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The board agreed to hold an adjourned meeting at the Museum on Wednesday evening next at 8 o'clock in order to complete the above organization and assign the particular duties and emoluments of the Manager and several Professors or lecturers now appointed.

Wednesday April 18. 1881.

The board of Trustees met according to adjournment -

Present

Robt. Patterson    Roberts Peale and Coleman Sellers

The board adjourned to meet on Monday evening next at 8 o'clock

Monday, April 23. 1881.

The board of Trustees Met according to adjournment.

Present.

Robert Patterson    Roberts Peale and Coleman Sellers

The Members not being all present adjourned to meet on Saturday

Next the 28<sup>th</sup> inst at 5 o'clock P.M.

April 28<sup>th</sup> 1881.

The Board of Trustees Met.

Present.

F. Butler, R. Patterson, J. Collins, E. Peale & C. Sellers.

The board provided to the further organization of the Museum and passed the following regulations \_\_\_\_\_

1. It shall be the duty of the Manager to attend at the Museum personally, during the hitherto accustomed hours, viz, from Sun rising till Sun Set, unless when absent at Peale, or on the necessary business of the Museum, and then by an assistant; to treat the visitors with all possible attention and politeness; each visitor on admission paying 25 cents unless in the case of any Member of the board of Trustees, or of a visitor furnished

with a ticket of general admission, issued by the board,

2. The Museum shall be opened for the reception of visitors on the Evening of Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday weekly, when the Manager shall exhibit experiments on such parts of Natural philosophy as may be judged most entertaining and instructive to his visitors \_\_\_\_\_

3. The Manager shall keep a regular account of all his receipts and expenditures which he shall render to the board once every three months viz. in the Months of January Ap<sup>l</sup> July and October, respectively \_\_\_\_\_

4. No monies shall be paid by the Manager but in consequence of an order, or general appropriation of the board \_\_\_\_\_

5. At the particular desire of Charles F. Peale at present the sole stockholder, & proprietor of the Museum, The board agree that the compensation of the Manager, shall for the present be one third of all the monies received from the Visitors, after deducting therefrom all the necessary current expenses paid by order or appropriation of the board \_\_\_\_\_

That as Charles F. Peale is at present the sole stockholder of the Museum the board of Trustees agree that they will issue general tickets of admission to such individuals or public characters as he shall recommend and on such terms as he may specify. \_\_\_\_\_

That the Manager (with the approbation of the board) shall employ a doorkeeper, to be subject to his order, and shall allow him as his compensation seven Dollars per week,

May 8, 1821.

The whole board present,

Received the following communications from C.F. Peale which was approved.



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Welfield May 5, 1821

To the Trustees of the Philadelphia Museum,

Gentlemen

I have desired me to send the names of Persons to whom Tickets of admission to the Museum should be given in the present year, and with this aid I give the following. Wm. Hannah Peale, James Peale & Lady, Jane Sims, James Peal <sup>Jr</sup>, Maria Peale, Anna C. Peale, Margaretta Peale, Sarah Peale, Raphaelle Peale & Lady, Franklin Peale, Titian Peale, Eliza Peale, Sophronista Peale, Charles Peale, Edmond Peale, S<sup>r</sup> George Peale, Margaretta Peale, Rebecca Peale Jun<sup>r</sup>, Sophronista Sellers, Charles Sellers, Rachel Sellers, Elizabeth Sellers, Harvey Sellers, Mrs Elizabeth Peale, Minnie Peale & Lady, Alverda Peale, William Patterson & Lady, Andrew Sumners & Lady, Rachel Morris, Mr. Warf & lady, Rachel Brewer & the Professors of the University, also Teachers of Schools when accompanied by their class of Scholars who pay 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents each — Robert Wharton, Joseph Reed, Joseph Roberts. The 2 High Constables, Amateurs of Music who offer their services, because they render a service to the Museum, all Donors of Articles of Value, and such Strangers of great distinction as the board may deem proper,

If I have in the above list omitted names of Persons whom you think ought to be added, please to give your orders and you will much oblige me, Gentleman accept the assurance of my high respect, and believe me your friend.

C.W. Peale

The board adjourned to meet on Tuesday next 13<sup>th</sup> inst \_\_\_\_\_ previous to which they passed the following resolution.  
That in the quarterly settlement of the Managers account with the Board of Trustees, recollects from C.W. Peale, as being at present the sole pro-

printer or stockholder, of any sum, not exceeding his share of the nett proceeds to which he shall be entitled shall be allowed as such in the said settlement \_\_\_\_\_

On the representation of the manager that an advance of money would be required for the use of the Museum, to pay the Back Rentall Co, in consequence \$1200.00 was borrowed of the Farmers & Mechanics Bank on loan - dated the 11<sup>th</sup> inst, \_\_\_\_\_

The Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday next the 22<sup>d</sup> inst, \_\_\_\_\_

May 22<sup>d</sup> 1821

The Board met, Present E. Collins R. Peale & Coleman Sellers - and adjourned to meet on Tuesday next \_\_\_\_\_

June 5. 1821

The Board met. Present E. Patterson, E. Collins R. Peale & C. Sellers.

Resolved That the Manager be authorized to engage for one seat, M<sup>r</sup> Selena on the best terms he can be had.

Adjourned to Meet on the first Monday in July. at 5. P.M.

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> Board met, present E Patterson E. Collins R Peale & C Sellers. and settled the a/c of the Manager up to this date \_\_\_\_\_ finding a balance in his hands, of \$730.05 to be accounted for to the proprietors, \_\_\_\_\_

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1821

The Board Met Present, E. Collins, R. Patterson, R. Peale,

The following resolutions were passed by the Board

1<sup>st</sup> That at the desire of Charles W. Peale and with the approbation of R. Peale the latter shall receive as a compensation for his services as Manager of the Museum a fixed annual Salary of one thousand Dollars to commence from the first day of March last \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>d</sup> That at the desire of the aforesaid Charles W. Peale his son Titian

Peale be employed as an assistant Manager at the Salary of Four hundred Dollars per annum to commence from the first day of August last and to continue at that rate until otherwise determined by this Board.

3<sup>d</sup> That in future children (say not exceeding the age of twelve years) shall be admitted to visit the Museum on paying twelve and an half cents.

4. That a list of donations be published quarterly.

Oct<sup>r</sup> 23. The board met, present, R. Patterson, R. Peale, C. Sellers.

A petition was presented to the Select and common councils for the Use of the lower Eastern Room of the State house, and on Dec<sup>r</sup> 27th the following counter petition.

As the Courts may be in want of accommodation in consequence of the fire of yesterday, we beg leave to withdraw our petition for the lower eastern room of the State House in their favour.

1822 Jan 4

The Board met, present R. Patterson R. Peale, C. Sellers \_\_\_\_\_

and settle'd the Managers a/c up to Dec<sup>r</sup> 31. 1821 finding a balance in his hands of \$1752.62 $\frac{1}{2}$  doll<sup>r</sup> to be accounted for to the proprietor. \_\_\_\_\_

Jan: 9

The board met present R. Patterson E. Collins, R. Peale & C. Sellers, the members present being notified by CW Peale sole proprietor of the Museum that he had on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> inst, elected Pierce Butler R<sup>t</sup> Patterson Zachary Collins Rufus Peale and Coleman Sellers Trustees of the Museum for the ensuing year. agreeably to the act of incorporation the said members proceeded to organize the Board by the election of the following officers and Manager of the Museum when Pierce Butler was elected president Robert Patterson Vice President Coleman Sellers Secretary and Rufus Peale Manager \_\_\_\_\_

April. 5.

Board met present B. Patterson, Z. Collins, W. Peale, C. Sellers \_\_\_\_  
settled the Managers a/c up to March 31, 1822 -- finding a balance in his  
hands of \$342.87 dollars to be accounted for to the proprietor, the board  
then proceeded to the Election of two members to fill the vacancies occa-  
sioned by the death of Pierce Butler and resignation of Rubens Peale, when  
Joseph F. Morris and Henry Pratt were duly Elected \_\_\_\_

The Trustees agree that the teachers and pupils of the Pennsylvania Insti-  
tution for the deaf & dumb shall have the privilege of Visiting the Museum,  
gratis, every saturday afternoon, under such regulations and limitations  
as the said teachers may think proper to adopt. adjourned.

April 24.<sup>th</sup> 1822 -

A meeting was held by a call from the V. President, present- B. Patterson  
Henry Pratt, & C Sellers adjourned to meet on Friday next at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7  
O Clock in the evening ---

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Board met agreeable to adjournment. present B Patterson. Z collins Jos,  
F. Morris H Pratt and Coleman Sellers -  
the trustees proceeded to the election of a President in the room of P.  
Sellers dec<sup>d</sup>, when Robt. Patterson was duly elected President. Consequently  
the office of Vice President became Vacant - whereupon the Board proceeded  
to fill that vacancy: when Z. Collins was elected - Rubens Peale having  
sent in his resignation as manager of the museum the trustees accepted the  
same, and then appointed C. W. Peale as manager with a salary of 25 p.<sup>r</sup> of  
of the next proceeds or profits of the museum in full for his services  
and that of any assistants he may think proper to employ -  
Resolved that the stated meetings be held on the 2<sup>d</sup> Monday of January.



April, July, and October at 12 O'clock at noon

July 19, 1822

Board met present R. Patterson, E. Collins, H. Pratt, Jos. F. Morris & Sellers. settled the managers a/c finding a balance in his hand of \$1127, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  up to June 30th - for his benefit as sole proprietor. Resolved C. W. Peale be requested to paint a full length likeness of himself to be placed in the Museum -  
Resolved, that the manager be requested to furnish at the next quarterly meeting an a/c of all debts due from the museum and the means contemplated to extinguish them - adjourned -

Oct. 7 -

A meeting of the board being called, only R. Patterson & E. Collins appearing, and not being a quorum, adjourned to meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. -

Oct. 14, 1822

Board met present R. Patterson E. Collins & J. F. Morris and H. Pratt. settled the Quarterly a/c finding a balance in his hands of four hundred & six 31/100 - \$406.71 for his benefit as sole proprietor -

Jan. 27, 1823 -

Board met present R. Patterson E. Collins, J. F. Morris & E. Sellers settled the managers a/c finding a balance in his hands of \$1392, 30 for his benefit as sole proprietor. -

July 9, 1823.

Board met present R. Patterson E. Collins, J. F. Morris and E. Sellers - settled the managers a/c finding a balance in his hands for the quarter ending 31 March 1823 of \$604.31 and for the Quarter ending the 30th June \$1096, 30 $\frac{1}{2}$  - the above balances being retained in his hands as sole pro-



proprietor -

Oct<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1823.

Board met present, R. Patterson, Z. Collins, H Pratt and C Sellers  
settled the managers a/c finding a balance in his hands for the Quarter  
ending the 30 Sep<sup>r</sup> 1823 of 706.66 - which is retained in his hands as  
sole proprietor -

Jan<sup>y</sup> 27. 1824.

Board met, present, Z. Collins, J.P. Morris, C Sellers - and settled  
the managers a/c finding a balance in his hands for the Quarter ending  
31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1823- of twelve hundred forty eight Dollars 91/100 which is re-  
tained in his hands as sole proprietor -

May 17. 1824

Board met present Z. Collins, H. Pratt & C Sellers - examined the mana-  
gers a/c and found a balance in his hands of Eight Hundred and forty three  
Dollars 97/100 for the Quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1824 - which he retains in  
his hands as proprietor-

Aug<sup>st</sup> 3 1824

Board met present, Just P Morris & C Sellers there not being a quorum  
adj<sup>d</sup> to meet on the 10 inst.  
Since our last meeting it has pleased Divine providence to call from works  
to rewards our late worthy President Rob<sup>t</sup>. Patterson, whose long life has  
been devoted to usefull science and Publick good.  
In the year 1784 he presented the Proprietor with a yaddle fish which  
was the first Article and foundation of the Philad<sup>a</sup>. or Peales Bazaar.

Aug<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1824

Board met present Z. Collins Henry Pratt Joseph P. Morris and C. Sellers

examined the Managers a/c and found a balance in his hands of \$179.75 which remained in his hands as sole proprietor.

Board then went into an Election to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of our friend and President Rob<sup>b</sup>, Patterson, when it was moved and seconded by J.P. Morris and Henry Pratt that John Bacon be elected to serve as trustee, which was unanimously agreed to - adj -

Jan. 12, 1825

Board met present Jos<sup>s</sup> P. Morris John Bacon and C Sellers examined the Managers a/c and found a balance in his hands \$2503.98 3/4 - which is retained in his hands as sole proprietor, - an address was read by the Manager, and referred to the consideration of the board at a future meeting -

May 10<sup>th</sup> 1825

At a meeting of the board held this day -- present E. Collings and C Sellers examined the a/c of the managers - and find a balance in his hands of Six Hundred and Sixty nine dollars 12/100 which was retained in his hands - Adjourned

Feb: 10, 1826

At a meeting of the board held this day, was present E. Collings, Jos<sup>s</sup> P. Morris and C Sellers - on examining the Managers a/c for the 3 last quarters find a balance for the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 1825 - the sum of 999.72 for that ending 30 Sept. \$856.49 - and the quarter ending Dec<sup>r</sup> 31. 1825, the sum of \$1332.64 (which is left in the hands of CW Pease the stock holder ) making in all \$3188.85 -

May 21, 1825 Memorandum by C Sellers.

This evening the board met for the purpose of conversing on the propriety of removing the Museum to the large building now erecting for the Arcade, the whole of the trustees were present, and a deep interest felt on the

vacation, several plans were suggested with a view of obtaining more room, as well as other situations proposed, among which was that property at the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut formerly owned by Will<sup>m</sup> Walz,

June 30, 1826

at a meeting of the Trustees, a com<sup>tee</sup> of 2 were appointed, J. Bacon and D Sellers, to offer the Arcade Op. the sum of fifteen hundred dollars pr. An<sup>n</sup> the following communication was handed them -

Memorandum

Your proposition for renting the 3<sup>d</sup> story of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Arcade for the purpose of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum at \$5,00 Dollars p<sup>r</sup> Annus was laid before a meeting of the Trustees of the Museum held on the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst. This rent was considered much above the Value of that portion of the building proposed to be let, and were that they think the proprietor would be warranted under present circumstances to assume the payment of, his present accommodation are extensive, tho not so much so as the objects of the institution require, the situation is altogether favorable from its very public and commanding position, yet there are objections to it which would render it expedient to remove, notwithstanding the rent is no more than 500 dollars p<sup>r</sup> annum. The trustees do not wish improperly to interfere with the views of the Proprietor in relation to this subject, and wished him to fix a rent he thought he could give, and which has resulted in a conclusion on his part to offer you a sum of 1500 \$ p<sup>r</sup> annum, on a lease for 10 years, provision to be made for accommodating the proprietor with a place of deposit for coal oil &c, & an office for the doorkeeper, both of which may be readily made adjoining the stairway to the Museum apartments, provided furthermore that the arrangements for lighting & ventilation, should meet the approbation of the Trustees

& Proprietor. This offer is beyond what the trustees had concluded to make, & is now submitted altogether at the request of the Proprietor. It must be apparent to every one at all conversant with the affairs of the institution under our charge that its removal is a concern involving consideration of great magnitude to the immediate proprietor, and we trust we may say of some importance to the public. Such a step ought to be proceeded on with great caution. We have to confess that the location within the proposed grounds is very desirable, and could we be assured that its concerns would continue to be managed by gentlemen of the same high respectability as those now composing the board of Managers, some of the obstacles which present themselves would not claim a moment's considera-

tion. You must be aware that your stock may be deem'd a "floating Stock" liable in the course of events to fall into the hands of persons who may or may not according to their sense of moral obligations, appropriate it, free mercenary considerations, to some and purposes altogether foreign to the views & intentions of the present proprietors & managers, hence in our opinion it becomes essentially necessary that the trustees of the Museum, should have a guarantee, that in case at any future time during their occupancy of that building the respectability of the occupants of the lower stories, or of the business to be conducted there should be at all questioned, they should be at liberty to quit the premises, without a reference to their lease upon giving a reasonable notice --

Oct<sup>r</sup>, 14. 1826

At a meeting held this evening of the trustees of the Museum present Z. Collins J. T. Morris - Hason and Sellers examined the manuscript a/c and for the quarter ending Mar: 31. 1826 found a cash balance of 566,55 $\frac{1}{2}$  Dollars and

for the Quarter ending June 31, 1924 - the sum of \$1072.63 and  
for the Quarter ending Sep.<sup>r</sup> 31, 1924 the sum of \$733.88 which  
is retained by the proprietor G W. Peale

It was resolved that John Bacon and G Sellers should be a com.<sup>s</sup> to treat  
with the Arcade Company on the arrangements necessary for the accommoda-  
tion of the Philad.<sup>a</sup> Museum before a final agreement should be made.

The following Committees were appointed -

- Committee to have the Certificate printed &c - Bacon & Sellers  
do to prepare a Code of By-laws - Patterson & Bacon  
do to confer with Chauncy Adams on the further proceedings  
of the Trustees. \_\_\_\_\_ Sellers \_\_\_\_\_

June 21, 1923

In conformity with the Act of Incorporation the Trustees of the Philad.<sup>a</sup>  
Museum held a meeting at the house of G Sellers. All the members being  
present viz. Bacon, Peale, Rubens Peale and G Sellers, Bacon being in the  
chair and G Sellers Sec<sup>y</sup> the Board proceeded to fulfill the objects of  
their meeting, that of Electing Trustees to fill the Vacancies occasioned  
by the death of Peares Butler and Nathaniel Peale, when John Bacon and  
H.E. Patterson were Unanimously Elected - In the Evening met again  
Present Bacon, Peale, Rubens Peale, John Bacon, H.E. Patterson and G Sellers.  
H.E. Patterson in the Chair, G Sellers Sec<sup>y</sup> - Board then proceeded to Elect  
a Manager, when Franklin Peale was duly appointed to that office - It was  
resolved that the Compensation to be allowed the Manager be such percent  
on the receipts of the Museum as shall amount to and not exceed one thou-  
sand dollars p<sup>r</sup> Year. It was resolved that the salary of the Manager com-  
mence on the first day of July next, and be payable quarterly -  
Resolved that the Manager be instructed to present to the Board a state-



part of the accounts of the Museum, from the time of the death of the late manager, to the first of July next.

Resolved that an officer of the Museum be appointed, to be called the Conservator whose duties shall be prescribed in the by laws -

Resolved that the salary of the Conservator be fixed at the rate of one thousand dollars <sup>pr</sup> annum payable quarterly and to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> July next.

The Board then appointed Titian Peal Conservator of the Museum to continue in office until the first Monday in Jan<sup>y</sup> next - Adjourned

\*see opposite.

June 27 -

At an adjourned Meeting held this Evening present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Peal R M Patterson John Bacon Ruben Peale & C Sellers Mess<sup>rs</sup> Peal in the Chair & Sellers Sec<sup>y</sup> the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved of - Committee of Certificates continued -

Com<sup>rs</sup> to confer with Chauncy made a partial report and were continued

Com<sup>rs</sup> on by-laws report a Code of By laws which after being duly considered were adopted as follows See By Laws

Adjourned to meet tomorrow evening -

June 28, 1827 -

At an adjourned meeting held this evening Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Peale, R M Patterson John Bacon Rubens Peale and C Sellers -

Proceeded to organize the board, when it was resolved that the officers of the Board should consist of a President - Treasurer and a Sec<sup>y</sup>

It was resolved that one hundred Dollars be appropriated to the contingent expenses of the Museum for the Quarter commencing July 1<sup>st</sup> - It was resolved that five hundred dollars be appropriated for the expenses incident

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to the removal of the Museum -

Resolved that the President be and he is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of five hundred dollars, appropriated by the Above resolution whenever this money shall be wanted for that purpose

July 2, 1827 -

At a meeting held this evening present Messrs Peale, John Bacon B.H. Patterson & C Sellers -

the Manager presented a statement of the accounts of the Museum from the 22<sup>d</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> last (being the day of the death of C.W. Peale) to the 30<sup>th</sup> of June from the a/c it appeared that there was a balance due the Museum of \$58.12 of which sum \$12.00<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> remain in the hands of the Manager, and the balance of \$46.15 is due to the Museum by the Administrators of the Estate of the late C.W. Peale

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Board met this Evening present Messrs Peale B.H. Patterson and C Sellers -  
It was resolved that the Manager be authorized to make sale of the Printing Press Types &c. belonging to the Museum under the conditions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Article of the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the By-laws

Resolved that the Manager be requested to procure a suitable person to draw and cut profiles in the Museum after its removal to the Arcade -

Stated Meeting Sep<sup>r</sup> 26, 1827

The board of trustees held a stated Meeting, present B.H. Patterson J. Bacon & C Sellers. the managers report not being prepared, the board Adjourned until Wednesday evening, the 11 of Oct<sup>r</sup> at 7 OClock

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At an adjourned meeting held this evening was present Doct. Patterson John Bacon & C Sellers. the Managers & Curators report was read and

placed on file - the Managers account was received and checked - and found correct. The balance of 1755.26 was placed into the hands of the Treasurer - Received A.B.G.B.

The following letter of resignation was received, and it was agreed to fill the vacancies at the next meeting. Adjourned to meet on the call of the President.

[All of the foregoing is in the  
handwriting of my grandfather Coleman Sellers  
H.W. Sellers -]

Minutes of the  
Philadelphia Museum  
Company

Philadelphia  
June 25th, 1827.

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June 25,

First Meeting  
after the death  
of C. W. Peale

On this day, the Board of Trustees held their first meeting, subsequent to the death of the venerable founder, Charles William Peale, which occurred on the 23d of February, 1827.

There were present, all the Trustees legally appointed under the Charter, namely, Rembrandt Peale, Robert Peale, and Coleman Sellers.

Rembrandt Peale acted as Chairman, and Coleman Sellers as Secretary.

John Bacon &  
R.M. Patterson  
elected Trustees

The Board proceeded to the choice of two Trustees, to supply the vacancies caused by the death of Fearon Butler and Raphael Peale; and John Bacon and Robert M. Patterson were unanimously elected.

Adjourned to meet again in the evening.

Coleman Sellers Secy

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June 25th, 1827: P.M.

The Board of Trustees held an adjourned meeting: present all the members, viz., Rembrandt Peale, Robert Peale, Coleman Sellers, John Bacon, and R.M. Patterson.

R.M. Patterson acted as chairman, and C. Sellers as Secretary.

Franklin  
Peale elected  
Manager.

The Board proceeded to the choice of a Manager of the Museum; and Franklin Peale was duly elected to that office.

It was resolved that the "compensation" allowed to the manager "for his services," be "such per cent on the next

Salary of the Manager fixed.	amount paid by the visitors," as small amount to, and not exceed, one thousand dollars per annum; and that this salary commence on the first day of July next, and be payable quarterly.
Curatorship established.	It was resolved, that the Manager be instructed to present to the Board a Statement of the accounts of the Museum, from the time of the death of the late Manager, to the first of July next.
Salary of Curator fixed.	It was resolved, that an Officer of the Museum be appointed, to be called the Curator, whose duties shall be prescribed in the By-laws.
William Peale elected Curator.	It was resolved, that the Salary of the Curator be fixed at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, to commence on the first day of July next, and to be payable quarterly.
Committee on Certificates.	The Board then proceeded to the choice of a curator, to serve until the first Monday in January next, and William Peale was duly elected to that office.
1827 Committee on By-laws.	Messrs. Bacon and Sellers were appointed a committee to prepare a form for the certificates of stock in the Museum, and to have a sufficient number printed.
Committee to get legal advice.	Messrs. Patterson and Rembrandt Peale appointed a committee to prepare a code of By-laws for the Museum.
June 27	Mr. Sellers was appointed a committee to confer with Messrs. Channing and Winney, on the subject of the further proceedings of the Trustees. Adjourned to meet on the 27th, at 7 o'clock, P.M. Colman Sellers, Secy. June 27th, 1827 The Trustees held an adjourned meeting, - all the members being present. Rembrandt Peale acted as chairman, and Colman Sellers as Secretary.
Reports of Committees	The committee to prepare certificates, reported progress



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and were continued,

The committee to confer with Messrs. Chauncey & Minney, made a partial report, and was continued,

The committee appointed for that purpose, reported a set of By Laws, which, after full consideration, was adopted, and is as follows,

By-Laws

Adopted by the Board of Trustees, June 27th, 1827.

Chap. I.

Of the Shareholders.

Stated Meeting  
of Shareholders

Article 1. "A general stated meeting of the Shareholders shall be held, at the Museum, on the first Monday of January in every year, " of which meeting ten days notice shall be given in at least two daily gazettes published in the city of Philadelphia." (Charter, Sect. 3.)

Annual election  
of Trustees.

Article 2. At this meeting, an election shall be held for five Trustees, to serve for one year. (Charter, Sect. 3)

Regulation of  
votes,-

Article 3. At the election, each share shall entitle its holder to one vote (Charter, Sect. 3); and the Shareholders shall have the right of voting by proxy.

Provision when  
election is  
omitted

Article 4. "If, by any accident, no election should take place on the stated day, the Trustees, elected the preceding year, shall continue in office until the next ensuing time of election; and so, whenever an election shall be omitted at the regular time, and in case of vacancy at any time; it shall be competent for the remaining Trustees to supply the want, with like effect as if the person so nominated by them had been duly elected by the Shareholders at the stated time." (Charter, Sect. 3.)

Special Meetings  
of Share-  
holders

Article 5. "The Trustees shall call special meetings of the Shareholders, whenever a majority of them may deem it expedient, or whenever requested, in writing, so to do, by any number of Shareholders, who shall, together, be proprietors of at least fifty shares; and the notice of such

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meetings shall be the same as that which is prescribed for the annual meetings." (Charter, Sect. 8)

Dividends

Article 6. On the stated meetings of the Trustees, in June and December annually, they shall declare a dividend of so much of the clear profits from the Museum as they shall judge it safe and advisable to divide among the shareholders.

Transfer of Stock

Article 7. The shares of stock shall be transferable only in person, or by attorney in writing, upon the books of the corporation, and in presence of the Manager of the Museum. (Charter, Sect. 2)

Article 8. At the stated annual meeting, the Trustees shall present to the shareholders a full and clear statement of the affairs of the Museum for the preceding year.

## Chap. II

### Of the Board of Trustees

Officers of Board

Article 1. The Officers of the Board shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer; who shall be chosen, annually, at the first meeting after the election of the Board.

Duties of President

Article 2. The President shall preside at the meetings; regulate the order of the proceedings; call special meetings, when necessary; nominate committees; and present the annual report, from the Trustees to the Shareholders, at their stated annual meeting.

Duty of Secretary

Article 3. The Secretary shall keep regular minutes of the transactions of the Board; and shall give due notice of the meetings of the Board, and of the Shareholders.

Duty of Treasurer

Article 4. The Treasurer shall have charge of the moneys paid over by the manager at the quarterly settlement of his accounts, and of all other moneys belonging to the company, subject to the orders of the Board; shall pay the officers of the Museum the salaries allowed by the Board; shall pay the rents, and all other charges of the

Museum, except the incidental expenses of the management, shall pay to the Shareholders the dividends on the stock, declared from time to time by the Board; shall keep the accounts of the company in a regular set of books prepared for the purpose; and shall render a statement of his accounts to the Board, at their stated meetings in June and December.

Stated Meetings of Board.

Article 5. The Board shall hold stated meetings on the evening of their election, and on the last Wednesdays of March, June, September, and December; and special meetings, when called by the President. Three members constitute a quorum.

Quorum.

#### Chap. III.

#### Of the Officers of the Museum.

Officers of Museum.

Article 1. The Officers of the Museum shall be a Manager and a Curator.

When appointed.

Article 2. These Officers shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees, at their stated meeting, on the day of the annual election. (Charter, Sec. 6.)

Salaries of Manager & Curator.

Article 3. The salaries of the Manager and Curator shall be "such per cent. on the net amount paid by the visitors" to the Museum, as shall correspond to a sum previously determined by resolution of the Board. (Charter, Sect. 6.)

When payable

Article 4. These salaries shall be payable quarterly; namely, on the first days of January, April, July, and October, respectively.

Duty of Manager.

Article 5. The Manager shall have the immediate superintendence and charge of the Museum; he shall attend, personally, during the hours of exhibition, unless when absent at his meals, or on the necessary business of the Museum, or by leave obtained from the Board, or when, during a short time, his place can be taken by the Curator, or some other responsible person, without injury to the interests of the institution; he shall take charge of the admission money

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Duty of  
Manager  
(continued)

paid by visitors, keeping a regular daily account of the same; he shall pay the wages and other necessary expenses, incident to the management of the Museum, under appropriations previously made by the Board, and which he shall not exceed, and of these expenditures he shall keep a regular account, with vouchers; he shall employ a door-keeper, and other necessary assistants, his appointments, and the wages allowed, being, however, submitted to the Board for their approbation; and he shall present to the Board a statement of his accounts on the last Wednesdays in March, June, September, and December, paying over the balance in his hands to the Treasurer. He shall, moreover, every evening, unless when circumstances render it inexpedient, exhibit experiments in Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, or the Mechanic Arts, accompanied by proper explanations, in the form of lectures; and shall, himself, as far as practicable, construct the necessary instruments for this purpose; and he shall, in general, perform all such duties, belonging to the office of a Manager, as shall be for the advantage of the institution, or as shall be required from time to time by the Board.

Duty of the  
Curator.

Article 6. The Curator shall collect and prepare for the Museum, objects of natural history, and other curiosities; he shall attend to the careful preservation of the different articles in the collection; and he shall replace all injured or imperfect specimens, and supply deficiencies when practicable. He shall prepare and keep a catalogue, methodically arranged, of all the articles in the Museum, and shall keep a list of all donations. In the evenings, and at other times when the company at the Museum is large, he shall give his assistance to the manager. It is expected that he will devote all his time to the Museum; and all the articles which he shall collect, and the preparations which he shall make, shall be the property of the Museum.



## Chap. IV.

## Of the Collection.

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Arrangement of Articles,	Article 1. All articles admitted into the Museum shall be, as far as practicable, methodically arranged, and distinctly exhibited. Each article shall be accompanied by a label, giving its scientific, and its vulgar name, and the locality from which it was obtained, when these are known, and, if presented to the Museum, the name of the donor.
Collection to be permanent,	Article 2. The collection of the Museum shall forever remain in this city, and shall, on no account, be suffered to deteriorate or diminish. (Charter, Sect. 7)
Exchanges,	Article 3. For the purpose of increasing and improving the collection, the Manager and Curator jointly, are authorized to exchange duplicate and imperfect specimens for others wanted in the Museum. When there are duplicate articles, the best shall always be retained; and a careful record of all exchanges shall be kept by the Curator.
Sales,	Article 4. Articles that shall be judged useless to the Museum may be sold, on the authority of a resolution of the Board; but the money arising from the sale, shall be appropriated exclusively to the purchase of other articles for the collection.
Articles not to be removed	Article 5. Articles belonging to the collection shall not, on any account, be taken from the Museum; nor shall the cases in the Museum be opened, nor the specimens be handled, unless in presence of the Manager or Curator.
Deposites,	Article 6. Articles of interest may be received into the Museum on deposit, for such period, and under such conditions, as may be agreed on, between the depositor, and the Manager and Curator.
Quarterly reports,	Article 7. The Manager and Curator shall present to the Board, at their stated meetings in March, June, September, and December, a report on the state of the Museum, mentioning all additions which have been made of articles of natural history, curioities of any kind, apparatus, models, paintings and



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drawings; giving a list of the donations, (with the names of donors,) and of the exchanges which they have made; and including any other matters which they may judge it important to communicate.

Chap.V.  
Of the Exhibitions.

Times of exhibition.

Article 1. The Museum shall be open for exhibition throughout the year, every day, except Sundays, from sunrise, until 10 o'clock at night.

Price of admission

Article 2. The price of admission shall be 25 cents for each visitor; except for children, under thirteen years of age, who shall be admitted at half price.

Tickets of admission

Article 3. The Manager shall give tickets of admission for one year at five dollars, for six months at three dollars, and for one month at one dollar. He may also give family tickets, admitting the parents and their children only, at eight dollars for one year.

Free admission

Article 4. Free admission to the Museum shall be given to the Trustees, and to such gentlemen as shall have served in this office; to stockholders; to the descendants and immediate family connexions of the Founder; and to such other persons as shall have this privilege granted to them, by express resolution of the Board.

Regulations restricting the visitors.

Article 5. The Manager shall also have power to admit, without charge persons bringing valuable donations, and persons able and willing to aid the institution by useful services.

Article 6. It shall be the duty of the Manager, and of the persons employed under him, to treat the visitors with all possible attention; pointing out them the objects of principal interest, and answering their reasonable inquiries.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Manager to take care that no improper company be admitted into the Museum, and that the most rigid decorum be always observed in the rooms.

After the discussion and adoption of the above  
By-laws, the Board adjourned.

Coleman Sellers Sec<sup>y</sup>

1827.

June 28th, 1827.

June 28

An adjourned meeting of the Board was held this evening, all the members being present.

Officers  
elected.  
R. F. Patterson  
Pr.  
C. Sellers  
Sec.  
Jno. Bacon  
Tr.  
\$100 appro-  
priated, for  
contingent  
expenses.

The Board proceeded to the election of their Officers, under the By-laws adopted at the last meeting; and Robert S. Patterson was elected President, Coleman Sellers Secretary, and John Bacon Treasurer.

It was resolved, that one hundred dollars be appropriated, for the contingent expenses of the Museum, for the quarter commencing July 1st.

Lease of  
rooms in  
the  
Arcade.

An arrangement having been made, during the lifetime of the late founder and proprietor, in consequence of which the Philadelphia Arcade Company had constructed apartments, in their building, expressly for the accommodation of the Museum, for which a lease of ten years was to be taken, at an annual rent of fifteen hundred dollars, it was now resolved, by the Board, to confirm this arrangement, and to have the Museum removed to the Arcade, as soon as the new apartments shall be ready for its reception.

It was resolved, that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated for the expenses incident to the removal of the Museum; and that the President be authorized to borrow this sum, if necessary.

The meeting was adjourned.  
Coleman Sellers Secy

July 2

July 2d, 1827.

A special meeting of the Board was held this evening; present all the members, except Robert Peale.

Manager's  
account, from  
Feb. 22, to  
July 1,

In compliance with a resolution of the 25th . . . the Manager presented a statement of the accounts of the Museum, from the 22d of February last, (being the day of the death of the late Manager, G. W. Peale,) to June 30th. - From this statement, it appeared, that, at the close of the account, there was a balance due to the Museum, of \$558.17 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; of which

sum \$12.56½ was in the hands of the Manager, and of which the remainder, (\$266.25,) is due to the Museum by the Administrators of the estate of the late C. W. Peale.

Adjourned, to meet again on the 5th inst.

Coleman Sellers Sec<sup>y</sup>

July 5.

July 5th, 1827.

The board met, according to adjournment: present, the President, Rembrandt Peale, and Coleman Sellers,

Sale of printing press &c. authorized,

It was resolved, that the Manager be authorized to make sale of the printing-press, types, &c., belonging to the Museum, under the conditions of the fourth article of the fourth chapter of the By-law.

Profile cutter to be employed.

It was resolved, that the Manager be authorized and requested to employ a suitable person to trace and cut profiles, in the Museum, after its removal into the Arcade.

The meeting was adjourned.

Coleman Sellers Sec<sup>y</sup>

Sept. 26.

Arcade, Sept. 26, 1827.

This day, the Board of Trustees held their first Stated Meeting, in the New Apartments of the Museum.

The Manager stated to the Board, that the removal of the Museum from the State-house to the Arcade, had been commenced on the 13th of August, and completed in two weeks and three days; that the Museum was opened for exhibition, in the Arcade, on the evening of the 30th of August, and visited by a numerous company; and that it still continued to be well attended.

The continual occupation of the offices of the Museum, in consequence of the removal, having prevented them from preparing the quarterly report and statement, the Board adjourned, to meet again on the 11th of next month.

Coleman Sellers Sec<sup>y</sup>



Oct. 11.

October 11th, 1827.

Quarterly  
report of the  
Officers.

The Board met, in pursuance of this adjournment: present, Dr. Patterson, Mr. Sellers, and Mr. Bacon.

The Quarterly Report of the Manager and Curator, was received, read, and placed on file. It consists principally of an account of the removal, and of the arrangements which have been made, and are still contemplated, in the Museum.

Quarterly  
Statement of  
Manager.

The Manager presented the Quarterly Statement of his accounts, which was examined, and found correct. The balance due, of \$1755.26, had been paid over by the Manager to the Treasurer.

Appointment  
of Door-keeper  
& Attendant  
approved.

It was resolved, that the employment, by the Manager, of Mrs. Ann McGuigan, as Door-keeper, at three dollars per week, and of Patrick McDermott, as Attendant, at seven dollars per week, have the approbation of this Board.

Admission  
Medals to  
be prepared  
& 200 ap-  
propriated.

It was resolved that authority be given to the Manager, to cause Admission Medals to be made, for the use of the Museum, according to the plan stated in the quarterly report; and that two hundred dollars be appropriated and put at his disposal, for this purpose.

Money from  
sales, ap-  
propriated.

It was resolved, that the money received from the sale, (authorized by the Board,) of the printing-press, types, &c., and also that from the sale of the lumber left in the State-house, at the removal, amounting in all to \$192, be appropriated for the purchase of new articles for the Museum.

Appropriation  
for  
\$30, library  
\$60, for  
air-pump  
\$30, for  
weighing-  
machine.

Resolved, that, of this appropriation, the following sums be now put at the disposition of the Manager; viz., \$30, for the purchase of such books of natural history, as he and the Curator may judge it important to add to the library; - \$60, for the purchase of an air pump; and \$30 for a weighing-machine.

Resignation  
of Eubens  
Paule.

The resignation of Mr. Eubens Paule, as a Trustee of the Museum Company, was received and accepted.

The Manager not being prepared to present an estimate of the necessary appropriations, for the present quarter, this business was deferred, until the next meeting.

Adjourned, to meet on the call of the President.

Coleman Sellers Secy

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Dec. 12.

December 12th, 1827

The Board met: present, Dr. Patterson, Mr. Sellers, and Mr. Bacon.

Appropriations for the quarter  
\$2012. -

The appropriations for the present quarter, having been necessarily deferred, at the regular period, were now made, and are as follows:

For the expenses of fitting up the new apparatus,	\$1505.
Oil, and other incidental expenses -----	260.
Fuel, for the season, -----	36.
Wages, -----	251.
Total, -	\$2052.

Charter &  
By-laws to  
be printed

It was resolved, that the Manager be requested to have one hundred copies of the Charter and By Laws of the Museum Company, printed.

Lease with  
Arcade Comp.  
to be exe-  
cuted.

The President was requested to have a written lease executed with the Arcade Company, for the apartments now occupied by the Museum.

Additional  
room to be  
rented.

The President was authorized, at the same time, to rent a room back of one of the stairways, at a price not exceeding \$75, per annum.

Resignation  
of Benckandt  
Faulk.

The resignation of Mr. Benckandt Faulk, as a Trustee, was received and accepted.

The meeting was adjourned.

Coleman Sellers Secy



Dec. 26

December 26th, 1827

The Stated Quarterly Meeting of the Board was held this day, at the Museum; present, the President, in the chair, Mr. C. Sellers, and Mr. J. Bacon.

Cow. Hull's  
portrait to  
be taken

It was resolved, that Commodore Isaac Hull be requested, by the President, to sit, to Mr. Sully, for his portrait, to be placed in the Museum.

The quarterly reports not being prepared, the Board adjourned, for the purpose of receiving them, until Saturday, the 29th inst., at 5 o'clock, P.M.

Coleman Sellers Sec<sup>y</sup>

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Dec. 29

December 29th, 1827

The Board held an adjourned meeting: present, the President, in the chair, Coleman Sellers, and John Bacon.

Quarterly  
report of  
Officers.

The Manager and Librarian presented their Quarterly report, which was read and placed on file. It consisted of a notice of the arrangements made and contemplated in the Museum; a list of donations received; an estimate of appropriations required for the next quarter; and a proposal of an expedition to South Africa, to procure new animals for the collection.

Eliza Hampton  
employed as  
Profile-cutter

The Manager stated that he had employed Eliza Hampton, as a Profile-cutter, at three dollars per week wages. This appointment received the approbation of the Board.

Quarterly  
Statement of  
Manager.

The Manager presented the quarterly statement of his accounts, which was examined, and found correct. From this account it appeared, that the receipts of the Museum, for the quarter ending Dec. 15th, had been \$4440.12½, and that the expenditures (not including rent and salaries) had been \$2135.23¾, and that the balance of \$2304.88¾ had been paid over to the Treasurer.

Biannual  
Statement

The Treasurer presented the Semiannual Statement of his accounts, from which it appeared, that he had received from

Semiannual	the Manager	52560.14
Statement of	and had paid in rent & salaries to Jan. 1,	1500.-
Treasurer.	leaving a balance in his hands of	<u>52560.14</u>

Semiannual Dividend. The Board, after carefully considering the accounts of the Museum, including the debt of 1500.15 due from the estate of the late C. W. Peale, - Resolved, that a dividend of five dollars, on each share of the Capital stock of the Museum, (being 2% per cent, on the estimated value of this stock,) be declared for the half year ending Dec. 31st, 1827, and that it be payable on and after the 15th of Jan., 1828.

Form of Lease. A form of a lease from the Arcade company was read and approved, and the President was requested to have it executed.

Work-shop rented. The President stated, that, in compliance with a resolution of the Board of the 12th inst., he had rented, for a work-shop, a room adjoining the front stair-way: the rent to be at the rate of \$ per annum, and the lease to continue until

Annual Report to be prepared. The President was requested to prepare the Annual Report, to be presented to the Shareholders, at their stated meeting, on the 7th of January next.

The meeting was adjourned.

End of Year 1827.

January 7, 1828

A stated meeting of the Board was held this evening present Doct. Patterson, John Bacon, George Ord and J. Peale, Jr.

Annual Election of Officers of the Board

The Board went into an Election for Officers, when

Doct. <sup>r</sup> Patterson	was elected	President
James Peale Jun. <sup>r</sup>		Secretary
John Bacon		Treasurer

The Board also proceeded to the choice of a Manager and Curator when Franklin Peale was re-elected Manager and Titian B. Peale Curator.

Adjourned.

J. Peale Jun.<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

February 12, 1828.

A Special meeting of the Board was held this evening.

The Manager presented an Estimate of the appropriations for the present quarter which was adopted and the following sums were accordingly appropriated

For Wages	250
Incidental Expenses	<u>72</u>
Forward	322
for Oil .....	260.
" Fuel for the Season .....	63.
" the purchase of a Duck Gun .....	47.
" Cases for Indian Articles and furnishing Lecture Room .....	<u>250.</u>
	942.

It having been represented to the Board that some parts of the Skeleton of the Megatherium had been discovered in New Jersey upon the farm of W.<sup>m</sup> Tod Esqr it was

\$50 approp.  
to search for  
Megatherium

Resolved that the Curator be authorized to confer with W.<sup>m</sup> Todd on the propriety of making search for some further remains of said Animal; and in the event of W.<sup>m</sup> Todd's giving his consent, to employ some labourers in the said search and that the sum of Fifty dollars be appropriated for that purpose.

project of an  
Exp. to South  
Africa laid  
on the table

The project of an Expedition to South Africa was considered and, on motion it was laid on the table for the consideration of a future meeting of the Board.

Application  
from Capt Hall  
to take care  
of the  
Mammoth re-  
fined.

An application from Capt. Hall being received ask-  
ing leave to take care of parts of the Mammoth it was

Resolved that the President address him a let-  
ter on the subject declining the grant of this privilege on  
account of the danger of injuring the Shaleton. Adjourned

J. Peale Jr.

March 26, 1868

A Stated quarterly meeting of the Board was held this  
evening present Doct. Patterson, Coleman Sellers, John Bacon,  
J. Peale Junr.

The Manager and Curator presented their quarterly Report  
which was read and placed on file. It consisted of an Estimate  
of Appropriations required for the present quarter and of the  
arrangements made - and contemplated. The list of donations  
for the last quarter was also presented and placed on file.

Manager's  
Quarterly  
Statement of  
his a/c  
\$1475.82  
passed to  
Treasurer.

The Manager presented the quarterly Statement of his ac-  
counts which was examined and found correct from which it ap-  
peared the

Receipts amounted to ..... 2658.97  
and the Expenditures not including  
Rent and Salaries were ..... 1183.15  
leaving a Balance of ..... \$1475.82  
which was paid over to the Treasurer.

Manager  
Authorized  
to dispose  
of Chemical  
Apparatus

the Manager was authorized to dispose of certain Chemical  
Apparatus now on hand, under the 4 Article of 4 Chapter Bye Laws.

The Manager's Estimate of Expenditures for the ensuing  
quarter was adopted and the following sums accordingly appro-

Appropriations  
for 2nd Quar-  
ter  
1868 \$763.50

for Wages .....	280.
Oil .....	200.
Coal .....	3.50
forward	483.50
for Improvements	200.
Small incidental Exp. <sup>s</sup>	80.
	763.50



Appropriation of 60\$ towards a project for collecting Specimens of Natural History and the Natural History Board agreed to take three chances at 20 dollars each,  
 Department Adjourned  
 J. Peale Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 Secy.  
 No expenditure took place

April 28, 1828.

A Special meeting of the Board was held this evening, present Doct: Patterson, Coleman Sellers, George Ord, James Peale Jun<sup>r</sup>.

Appropriation as proposed by Curator of \$50 for a turtle and \$40 for a trip to Sea Shore  
 A proposition was submitted by the Curator for the purchase of a turtle now in the possession of the Assignees of James Sharpleas and also asking for an appropriation to enable the Curator to take a trip to the Sea Coast in search of Sea Fowl.

The Board accordingly appropriated fifty dollars to purchase said turtle and forty dollars to pay the expenses of said trip.

Treasurer ordered to pay Chauncy & B. Bill of \$100  
 K. Sellers stated that a Bill was present from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Chauncy & Binney for advice in the organization of the Museum amounting to \$100 dollars and on motion it was ordered that the Treasurer pay the Bill.

Adjourned  
 J. Peale Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 Secy.

June 25, 1828 -

Meeting - no quorum  
 A Stated quarterly meeting of the Board was held this evening, present John Bacon, James Peale Jun<sup>r</sup> who not forming a quorum for business the meeting was

Adjourned  
 James Peale Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 Secy.

July 8, 1828 -

An adjourned meeting of the Board was held this evening, present Doct: Patterson, John Bacon, James Peale Jun<sup>r</sup>.



Manager's  
Quarterly  
Statement of  
his a/c  
\$1385.84  
passed to the  
Treasurer

The Manager presented his quarterly Statement by which it appeared that the Balance passed into the hands of the Treasurer was \$1,704.00

The Manager also presented his Estimate of Expenses for the ensuing quarter viz: Wages 280 - Oil 150 - Improvements 150 - Incidental Expenses 80 -

Treasurer's  
semi-annual  
State. pre-  
sented  
1114.30 in  
hand

The Treasurer presented his semi-annual Report by which it appears the nett amount in his hands after paying all ex-  
pences is \$1114.30

Adjourned

James Peala Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Secretary

July 9, 1829 -

An adjourned meeting was held this evening, present  
Doct. Patterson, Coleman Sellers, John Bacon, George Ord, James  
Peala Jun<sup>r</sup>

On a careful consideration of the accounts of the Museum  
It was

div<sup>d</sup> of 1 pr.  
of decl<sup>n</sup> for  
the half-year  
ending 25 June

Resolved that a dividend of two dollars on each share  
of the Capital Stock of the Museum (being one percent on the  
estimated value thereof) be declared for the half year ending  
25 June and that it be payable on and after the 15 inst.

Appropriations  
for 3rd  
quarter  
1828 660

The quarterly estimate of the Manager being under consider-  
ation the following appropriations were made in accordance  
therewith.

for Wages .....	280.
Oil .....	150.
Improvements .....	150.
Small Incidental Exp <sup>s</sup> ....	80.

660.

On motion it was

Committee on  
the reduc-  
tion of Ex-  
pences app<sup>d</sup>

Resolved that a committee of two be ap-  
pointed to consider what reductions can be made in the Expenses  
of the Museum, and that they Report in writing at the next meet-  
ing of the Board.

In accordance with the foregoing Resolution the President appointed George Ord and Coleman Sellers the Committee.

Adjourned

Ja's Peale Jun<sup>r</sup>

Secy -

October 2, 1928

Stated Meeting  
-no quorum

A Stated meeting of the Board was held this evening, present Coleman Sellers, George Ord, who not being a quorum for the transaction of business the meeting was

Adjourned.

October 7, 1928

An adjourned meeting was held this evening, present Coleman Sellers, John Bacon, James Peale Jun<sup>r</sup>, - Mr. Sellers in the Chair.

Managers  
quart<sup>r</sup>  
Statement of  
his a/c \$935.00  
passed to  
Treas.

The Manager and Jurator presented their usual quarterly Statement and reports by which it appeared that the Manager had passed over to the hands of the Treasurer for the last quarter the sum of : . . . . . \$275.92

Resignation  
of Doct.  
Patterson

A letter was received from Doct<sup>r</sup> Patterson resigning his situation of trustee of this Board, which was placed on file.

The Managers Estimate of Expenses for the ensuing quarter was presented viz, for Wages 176 - Oil 120 - Improvements \$200 Coal for the Season 63 - Small Incidentai 50 - The appropriations were made accordingly, with the exception of the item of

Approp<sup>n</sup> for  
4th quarter  
1928 \$509.

\$200 For Improvements which was reduced to \$100 -

vis For Wages .....	176
Oil .....	120.
Improvements .....	100.
Coal .....	63.
Small incidental .....	50.
	<u>509</u>

The Committee on the reduction of Expenses reported progress.

Adjourned

James Peale Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Secretary.

October 6, 1828

A Special meeting of the Board was held this evening, present Coleman Sellers, John Bacon, George Ord, James Peale Jun<sup>r</sup>. - Mr. Sellers in the chair

Doct: Patterson read<sup>d</sup>, accepted Dan P. Smith in his stead

The resignation of Doct: Patterson as noted on the last minutes of proceedings was accepted and the Board proceeded to the election of a trustee to supply the vacancy - when it appeared that Dan P. Smith was elected. Adjourned

J. Peale, Jun<sup>r</sup>,Sec<sup>y</sup>

December 24, 1828

A Special meeting of the Board was held this evening, present Coleman Sellers, John Bacon, James Peale Jun<sup>r</sup>, Daniel P. Smith. - Mr. Sellers in the chair.

Resignation  
of Geo Ord -

A letter from George Ord was presented, resigning his situation as a member of the Board which was placed on file, and his resignation accepted.

Resolved

Annual meeting  
of Stockholders  
to be at 3 O  
clock P.M.

That the Secretary of the Board advertise the annual meeting of the Stockholders according to the 3rd Article of the Charter. And that the hour of meeting be 3 O'clock in the Afternoon of the day specified viz 1st Monday of Jan<sup>y</sup>

Application  
of Mr. Otis  
to copy a  
portrait  
refused

The Treasurer and Curator having stated that M<sup>r</sup> Otis had applied to them for permission to copy the portrait of Gilbert Stuart it was

Resolved that the request cannot be granted, it being incompatible with the provisions of the Charter & Bye Laws.

Adjourned

James Peale Jr.  
Secy

January 3, 1829

An adjourned meeting was held this evening, present Coleman Sellers, John Bacon, James Peale Jun<sup>r</sup>. - Mr. Sellers in the

chair.

The Manager and Curators quarterly report on the State of the Museum was presented, also, the quarterly list of donations.

The Manager presented his quarterly account by which it appeared that the amount passed by him into the hands of the Treasurer was . . . . . \$2016.25

The Treasurer reported that the nett amount of money in his hands was \$1178.30 after the payment of all demands.

On a careful consideration of the accounts of the Museum it was

Resolved that a dividend of two dollars on each share of the Capital Stock of the Museum ( being 1 per cent on the estimated value thereof) be declared for the half year ending 31 ult.

The Managers Estimate of Expenses for this quarter was presented, being

for Oil . . . . .	180
Wages . . . . .	190
Small incidentals . . . . .	50
Incidental & additions . . . . .	150

And the appropriations were made in accordance therewith with, the exception of the item of \$150 for incidental and additions which was reduced to \$100. \*

Adjourned

J. Peale Jr.  
Secretary  
January 5, 1839

Meeting held this day pursuant to notice present Messrs. Sellers, Eamon Haines Smith and Griffith.

Mr Sellers was called to the chair

Dr Griffith appointed Secretary.

This being the first meeting of the new board, it was on motion Resolved to go into the election for Officers for the ensuing year when, Coleman Sellers was duly elected President

Managers q.  
account  
\$2016.25  
passed to  
Treasurer

Treasurers  
Semi-annual  
Report \$1178.30  
in hand

Semi-annual  
div. of 1  
pr. st.  
declared

Appropriation  
1st q. 1839  
\$520

Annual  
election of  
Officers of  
the Board



John Bacon

Treasurer

R Eglesfeld Griffith

Secretary

Annual elec-  
tion of Man-  
ager & Curator

On motion the board then proceeded to the appointment of  
Curator & Manager for the year 1829.

B Franklin Peale was appointed Manager

Titian B. Peale Curator.

Committee on  
interests of  
institution.

On motion. Resolved that a committee be appointed to consider  
and devise means to further the interests of the Museum and  
to report at the next meeting. Committee Exp Sellers, Smith  
and Bacon

Transparencies  
in the front  
& rear of  
Arcade

On Motion. Resolved that the Manager be requested to endeavour  
to obtain permission from the Managers of the Arcade to place  
handsome transparencies in centre arches in the front and rear  
of the Arcade.

Resolved that when this board adjourns, it adjourns to meet on  
Tuesday next at 4. P. M.

R Eglesfeld Griffith Sec

Jan'y 1829.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment

Members present, Messrs. Smith, Bacon, Haines and Griffith

Mr. Sellers being absent Mr. Smith called to the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

Mr. Sellers being absent, the committee appointed at the last  
meeting did not report.

Resolved that when this board adjourns, it adjourns to meet on  
Tuesday next at 4. P. M.

R Eglesfeld Griffith, Sec.

Jan'y. 27. 1829

The Board met this day

Members present, Messrs. Sellers, Haines, Bacon, Smith, Griffith.

Mr. Sellers in the chair.

A communication from the Manager respecting the transparency  
and medal was read and directed to be placed on file.

A communication from the Manager and Curator relative to the  
engagement of certain Indians was read, and the proposition



was negatively.

Adjourned

Feb. 3, 1829.

The board met this day.

Members present Messrs. Bacon, Haines, Smith & Sellers

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The following report was received and read by paragraphs.

The committee appointed to devise means to further the interests of the Museum beg leave to report.

Report of the  
Committee on  
the Museum.

1. That they have met and deliberated on the subjects referred to them and recommend that the Salaries of the Manager & Curator remain at the same rate as heretofore for the ensuing three months, in the hope that the measures adopted by the trustees will so increase the income of the Museum that the percentage insisted upon by the stockholders will be equal to the compensation to the Manager and Curator have heretofore received.

2. They also recommend that measures be taken to introduce regular lectures on the popular branches of Natural History & Natural philosophy & that as an encouragement thereto a certain number of tickets of admission to the Museum on the evening of the lectures be offered to the volunteer lecturers.

3. The committee think that a considerable increase in the revenue of the Museum could be derived from encouraging teachers to bring their scholars to the Museum as a place of amusement & instruction and they propose that a circular be addressed to the teachers holding out the proper encouragement.

The committee further recommend that the trustees prepare and address to the public on the present condition of the Museum and that they take into consideration the propriety of labeling all the objects in the Museum and of preparing a complete catalogue thereof.

On motion the first paragraph was adopted.

The second was also adopted and Dr Griffith, R. Haines and D. B. Smith appointed in conjunction with Manager and Curator a committee to carry its provisions into effect.

	<p>The third and fourth paragraphs were also adopted and referred to the same committee</p> <p>B. Haines offering to the Museum company the use of a fine Solar Microscope it is accepted and he is requested to send it in by an early conveyance and the Manager &amp; Curator are directed to have it placed in a proper situation and to take measures for its exhibition</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Adjourned, D B Smith Sec. P.T.</p>
Solar Microscope offered by B. Haines	<p>Stated Meeting. Feb'y, 10, 1829</p> <p>The Board met this day.</p> <p>Members present Messrs. Sellers, James Haines and Smith</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.</p> <p>The committee on the state of the Museum were continued.</p> <p>B. Haines reported that he had deposited his solar microscope with the Manager of the Museum</p> <p>On motion resolved that the Manager be directed to make an enquiry as to the times of advertising subscriptions in the daily papers.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Adjourned. D B Smith Sec. P.T.</p>
Advertising	<p>Stated meeting. Feb'y, 24, 1829</p> <p>The Board met this day</p> <p>Members present Messrs. Sellers, Haines &amp; Griffith</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.</p> <p>A communication from the Manager, on the times of advertising and on Fossil bones in New Jersey was read.</p> <p>On motion resolved that a committee be appointed who in conjunction with the Manager and Curator shall make enquiries as to the Fossil bones said to exist on Mr Todd's farm in New Jersey. Committee, Haines &amp; Griffith</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Adjourned H Eaglesfield Griffith Sec.</p>
Fossil bones in N J.	<p>Stated Meeting. March 3, 1829</p> <p>The Board met this day.</p>

## Apparatus.

Members present Messrs. Smith, Bacon, Haines, Sellers, Griffith.  
 Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.  
 The committee on Fossil Bones in N Jersey reported progress and were continued.  
 On motion resolved. That the Manager be directed to report at the next meeting what chemical and philosophical apparatus are in possession of the Museum and in what state they were.

Adjourned.

R Eglesfield Griffith Sec.

Stated Meeting.

Mar 11, 1829.

The Board met this day.

Members present Messrs. Sellers, Bacon, Haines, Griffith.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

A communication from the Manager in answer to resolution of last Meeting respecting apparatus, was read.

Apparatus ordered to be put in order.

On motion resolved that all the apparatus now in possession of the Museum be put in order for immediate use.

The committee on Popular lectures reported a plan which was read and laid on the table.

Dr Harlan not to lecture in Museum

On motion Resolved that the Manager be directed to inform Dr Harlan that he cannot have the use of the Museum as a place in which to deliver lectures on comparative anatomy.

Compensation to Curator & Manager

On motion Resolved. That the committee on the advancement of the interests of the Museum be requested to report on what should be the per centage allowed to the Manager & Curator as a compensation, from and after the 1st April, 1829.

Adjourned.

R Eglesfield Griffith Sec.

Special Meeting.

Mar 23, 1829

The Board met this day.

Members present, Messrs. Sellers, Smith, Griffith.

Appropriation \$325 for purchase of Elephant

Information was laid before the board by the Manager & Curator. that the large Elephant Columbus had died the day before. Whereupon the Board authorized the purchase of the body at a sum not exceeding \$325.00.

Adjourned.

R Eglesfield Griffith Sec.

	<p>Stated Meeting Mar 24, 1829</p> <p>The Board met this day.</p> <p>Members present Mess. Bacon, Smith, Haines Griffith</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.</p> <p>The Manager reported that in pursuance of a resolution of the board of the 23 inst that the body of the Elephant had been purchased for \$325. That the skin had been taken off, and the skeleton preserved</p> <p>On motion Resolved that the Manager &amp; Curator be authorised to go to such further expense as may be necessary for the complete preservation of the skin &amp;c.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Adjourned</p> <p style="text-align: right;">R Eglesfield Griffith Sec</p>	<p>Elephant purchased</p> <p>Ordered to be prepared</p>
	<p>Stated meeting, Mar 30, 1829</p> <p>The Board met this day.</p> <p>Members present Mess. Sellers, Bacon &amp; Haines</p> <p>The President laid before the board a letter from R. Harlan MD, notifying the board that he should in a few days remove from the Museum certain articles belonging to him which had been deposited.</p> <p>On motion resolved that the curator select all the articles enumerated in his list and have them carefully laid aside for delivering to Dr. Harlan taking a receipt for the same when delivered.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Adjourned</p> <p style="text-align: right;">R Eglesfield Griffith</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sec.</p>	<p>Removal of articles deposited by Dr. Harlan</p>
	<p>Stated Meeting, April 7, 1829</p> <p>The board met this day</p> <p>Members present Mess. Sellers, Bacon, Haines Smith Griffith,</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.</p> <p>On motion resolved that the Manager be directed to have printed and placed at the corner of the streets, suitable placards of the exhibition at the Museum.</p> <p>On motion resolved that a committee be appointed to write paragraphs for the Newspapers. Com<sup>rs</sup> Smith &amp; Griffith,</p>	<p>Placards ordered</p> <p>Paragraphs in papers</p>



Sign- Solar  
Micros

On motion resolved that the Manager be directed to have a sign placed at the entrance of the Arcade on the afternoons when the solar microscope is to be exhibited

Circular to  
Schools

On motion resolved that the circular to schools be referred to the committee on paragraphs.

Italian  
Village  
\$100 per  
annum

Mr. Haines on behalf of the owners of the Italian Village-~~we~~ offered it to the Museum for the purposes of exhibition at the rate of \$100 per annum. which was accepted.

On motion resolved that R. Haines & Bacon be a committee to aid the Manager in arranging the same in the Museum.

Adjourned.

R Eglesfield Griffith Sec.

Stated Meeting.

April 21. 1829.

Meeting of the Board this day

Members present Messrs. Haines Sellers Griffith.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

No business of importance.

Adjourned

R Eglesfield Griffith Sec.

The board met this day.

April 25. 1829

Members present Messrs. Sellers, Bacon, Haines Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

Report of the Manager & Curator for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter with a/cwr and list of donations and appropriations for 2<sup>d</sup> quarter.

4th report  
of Manager

Compensation  
to Manager  
and Curator

The committee on salaries reported that after mature deliberation, that they recommend a per Centage on the receipts of the Museum as a compensation to the Manager and Curator and propose 33 1/3 per cent on the year income ( said income the sum remaining after wages lighting rent<sup>d</sup> are paid) which report and resolution were adopted.

Adjourned

RSG. Sec.

May 12. 1829

The board met this day.

Present Messrs. Sellers, Bacon, Haines & Smith



Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.  
No business demanding attention.

Adjourned

J Bacon Sec. P.T.

June 23, 1829

The board met this day

Present Mess. Sellers, Bacon, Haines & Smith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

A communication from Archibald Bairdall of Glasgow, Kentucky offering for sale a free stone slab containing impressions of human feet &c was rec<sup>d</sup> and the curator was directed to obtain further information on the subject

The Manager reported that he had discharged Patrick and employed Stephen Quinn as Porter &c at \$6. pr week.

Adjourned

J Bacon Sec. P.T.

June 30, 1829

Meeting held this day.

Present Mess. Sellers, Haines, Bacon, Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read adopted.

No business of importance.

Adjourned

R Rensfeld Griffith Sec.

July 8, 1829

Meeting held this day

Present Mess. Sellers, Bacon, Smith, Haines & Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

The report of the Manager with the list of donations during the 2d quarter were.

A Remonstrance from the curator, against the present mode of compensating his services &c was read

Resolved that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the interests of the Museum and remodeling the Bye laws to suit the present state of affairs. Committee Mess. Bacon, Haines and Griffith

Comm. on impress. of human feet.

Report of Manager

Remonstrance of Curator on salary Committee on by laws.

4<sup>th</sup> report  
of Treasurer

The Treasurer made his quarterly report

Adjourned

H Eglesfeld Griffith Sec.

August 5, 1829

The board met this day.

Present Messrs. Haines, Smith and Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

Application  
to Managers of  
Arcade respect-  
ing sign

On motion Res. that the Manager be directed to apply to the  
Manager of the Arcade for permission to insert the word Museum  
in the blank space in front of the Arcade to be removed when-  
ever they wish the bas reliefs to be put up.

Museum signs

On motion R. that the Museum signs in the interior of the Ar-  
cade be bronzed.

Expedition up  
the Missouri

On motion R. That the Curator be sent up the Missouri for the  
purpose of collecting specimens in Natural history and to make  
arrangements for a future supply of the same, and that the sum  
of \$600. be appropriated for this purpose.

On motion, R. that the treasurer be directed to borrow \$500 at  
an interest not exceeding 6 pr ct on the credit of the Museum  
to be repaid in several instalments of \$100.

On motion R that the curator be directed to submit a plan of  
his expedition with an estimate of the expenses.

Adjourned.

H Eglesfeld Griffith, Sec.

Aug 13, 1829

Meeting of the board.

No quorum appearing

Adjourned

H Eglesfeld Griffith Sec.

Aug 18, 1829

The board met this day.

Members present Messrs. Haines Bacon Griffith Sellers.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Letter of Curator respecting expedition up the Missouri was  
read.

	On motion, the resolution of last meeting as regards expedition up the Missouri was reconsidered.
Expedition up the Missouri, principal	On motion H. that the departure of the Curator up the Missouri for the purpose of collecting specimens in Natural history be postponed for the present - on account of the lateness of the season and the unsettled state of the Indian nations in that part of the country and that the Curator be directed make such enquiries and arrangements as would facilitate the carrying such an expedition into effect at some future period.
	Adjourned
	R. P. Griffith Sec.
	Sept. 7. 1829
	The Board met this day.
	Members present Mess. Haines, Bacon, Smith Griffith.
	Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.
Permission to place sign in front of Arcade	The Curator reported verbally that permission had been obtained from the Managers of the Arcade, to place the words Philad. Museum in the blank spaces in front of the Arcade, provided it should not interfere with the plan of the front.
	On motion H. that the Curator be directed to submit a design to the Managers of the Arcade, and if said plan be approved by them, to cause it to be put in execution forthwith.
Slaves boys.	On motion. H. that measures be taken to procure the Slaves boys for exhibition, on the same terms as are to be given by R. Peale in New York, and that the Secretary be directed to write to R. Peale on the subject.
Expedition to Maine	On motion. H. that the Curator be lay before the Board his plan of an expedition to Maine and probable expense.
	Curator reported that the expenses would be about \$100 exclusive of outfit.
	On motion H. that the Curator be instructed to make the necessary preparations for an excursion to Maine and the adjoining British possessions.
Course of lectures	On motion H. that a committee be appointed to devise a plan for a series of lectures and experiments to be given during the ensuing fall and winter at the Philad. Museum Committee

Wm Smith & Griffith.

Adjourned

R R Griffith Sec.

Oct 13. 1829

Meeting of the Board this day

Members present Mess. Sellers, Bacon, Smith, Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

Slaves boys,

Secretary reported that he had written to R Peale respecting the Slaves boys and read R. Peale's answer.

Lectures

On motion R. that the Manager be directed to make the necessary preparations for a series of lectures to be commenced immediately, by several gentlemen, who have volunteered their services for that purpose.

On motion R. that the committee on lectures be authorized to make suitable arrangements for said lectures.

Free tickets to the clergy

On motion R. that the Manager be directed to send freely tickets to the Museum, free of expense, to the clergy of the city of Philadelphia.

Placard ordered

On motion, R. that R. Peale be requested to have 250 copies of a placard similar to that used by himself, printed and sent on.

Managers 4<sup>th</sup> report

Managers quarterly report was read

Receipts from 2d. June to Sep 30, 1829. \$1557.61  
Incidentals and wages. 303.80

Compensation to Manager and Curator, 1172.81  
592.00 \$785.21

On motion, Resolved, that the Manager be directed to show a

Experiments on every evening.

series of experiments or exhibitions on every evening, during which the Museum is open.

Big children

On motion, R. that the Secretary be directed to write to R. Peale on the subject of the Big children.

10 tons Coal ordered,

On motion resolved that the Manager be directed to procure 10 tons of Coal, and to caulk the windows and sky lights in the Museum.

Adjourned

R R Griffith Sec.



Oct 25, 1829

Meeting of the Managers.

Members present Messrs. Bacon, Smith Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

No business requiring attention.

Adjourned

R Eglesfeld Griffith Sec.

Oct 27, 1829

Meeting of the board this day. Pres. Sellers, Haines Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Report of Manager, read and approved.

Adjourned

R Eglesfeld Griffith.

November 24, 1829.

Meeting of the board this day

Members present Messrs. Bacon, Smith and Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

On motion Res. that the Manager be directed to purchase a set of slides for the Magic Lantern.

The committee on Lectures reported progress.

Adjourned

R Eglesfeld Griffith

December 8, 1829

Meeting of the Board.

Members present Messrs. Bacon Smith Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

No business of importance

Adjourned

R Eglesfeld Griffith.

December 15, 1829

Meeting of the Board this day

Members present Messrs. Bacon Haines Smith Griffith

Minutes of Nov 24 were read and adopted

Letter from Curator detailing the results of his expedition to Maine was read and approved.

On motion Res. that the board approve the means taken by Mr

Report of  
ManagerSlides for  
Magic LanternExpedition to  
Maine

Peale to fulfil the objects of the expedition and although they regret that the results were not so satisfactory as they anticipated they feel assured that the failure is not attributable in any way to a want of exertion on his part.

Appropriation for same On motion, Res. that the sum of \$100.00 be appropriated for the repayment of the Curator's expenses and \$69 for a gun for the use of the Museum.

Authority to employ Dr. Hering to collect specimens On motion Res. that the Curator be instructed to write to Mr. Bole at Barnstable authorizing him to employ Dr. Hering to send a collection of natural history to the Museum on the plan proposed in his letter to T. Peale.

New sign On motion Res. that the Manager be directed to submit a plan for a sign in front and rear of the Museum.

Curator to proceed to New York to inspect the new fossil Mastodon now in that city and to make arrangements respecting its purchase and for other business of the institution.

Adjourned

H. Slesfield Griffith Sec.

Dec. 22, 1829

Meeting of the Board this day.

Members present, Messrs. Sellers, Bacon, Haines, Griffith.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Letter from Curator detailing the result of his expedition to New York was read and approved.

On motion Res. that the Manager be directed to insert notice of the annual meeting of Stockholders and election of Trustees on Monday Jan'y. 3, at 2 P.M. in two of the daily papers.

Adjourned

H. Slesfield Griffith,

Dec 29, 1829

Meeting of the board. Present, Messrs. Sellers, Haines, Bacon, Griffith

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

On motion resolved that Messrs. Haines and D. B. Smith be appointed

a committee to draw the annual report of Stockholders,  
Resolved that when this board adjourns, it adjourns until  
7, O clock P.M. on the 30th.

Adjourned  
R Eglesfield Griffith Sec.

Dec 30, 1829.

Stated Quarterly meeting, Members present Mess Sellers and  
Wason.

No quorum appearing. Adjourned until Saturday Jan'y 2<sup>d</sup>, 1830

Jan'y 2, 1830

Meeting of Managers held this day,

Present Mess Sellers, Wason, Smith, Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

Annual report Committee appointed to prepare annual report, submitted one  
which was adopted and ordered to be laid before the Stockholders  
at their annual meeting.

Curator's report and list of donations for the quarter were  
read

Managers report Manager reported the receipts for the quarter \$2085.91,  
Expenses. \$12.71.  
1276.25

Compensation to Manager & Curator 425.40

Leaving a b<sup>t</sup> balance of \$ 606.75

Treasurers report Treasurer made a report showing a balance of \$ 606.37.

Dividend of 1.25 On motion R. that a dividend of \$125/100 per share be declared  
per share de- to be paid to the stockholders or their legal representatives.  
clared

Adjourned  
R Eglesfield Griffith Sec.

1830

Jan'y. 3, 1830

Stated meeting of the board this day pursuant to charter.  
Pres. Mess Sellers Wason Griffiths.

Adjourned. R Eglesfield Griffith  
Sec. P.T.

Jan'y 1830.

Meeting of the Board, Pres. Mess. Hains. Griffith.

There being no quorum.

Adjourned

R Eylesfeld Griffith S.P.T.

Jan'y 12. 1830.

Meeting of the Board. Pres. Mess. Jacob Haines & Griffith

Mr. Bacon was appointed Chairman

D<sup>r</sup> Griffith

Secretary.

Ex. That the board proceed to the election of officers for 1830.

The following declared duly elected

President. Coleman Sellers.

Secretary. R Eylesfeld Griffith

Treasurer. J. Bacon

Manager. D.P. Peale

Curator. T. H. Peale

On motion R That that the compensation of the Manager & Curator be fixed at \$ per annum.

This resolution was on motion laid over until the next meeting.

Rx. That a committee be appointed to prepare for publication, the annual report of the Trustees for 1829. - Committee. Smith & Haines.

Adjourned

R Eylesfeld Griffith

Jan'y 19. 1830.

Meeting of the Trustees held this day.

Present. Mess. Sellers Smith Haines & Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Committee on report - reported progress and were continued.

Rx. That a representation of the state of the Museum from leaks in the roof, be made to the Managers of the Arcade, and that they be notified, that if said leaks be not remedied that the Trustees will be under the necessity of seeking accommodations elsewhere.

Adjourned

R Eylesfeld Griffith



July 26, 1830

Meeting of the Trustees held this day.

Present Messrs. Haines, Smith & Griffith.

The President being absent Mr Haines was called to the chair.

Committee on publication reported progress and were continued.

On motion, R. that the compensation to the Manager Curator for the ensuing year be fixed at 40 per cent. on the net proceeds.

R. This resolution lie on the table until the next meeting

Adjourned

R Eilenfeld Griffith

Feb 3, 1830

Meeting of the Trustees held this day

Present Messrs. Bacon, Haines, Smith Griffith

President being absent Mr Bacon was called to the chair

On Motion the subject of the compensation was taken up and

discussed when it was unanimously R. that the Manager and Curator receive 40 per cent on the net proceeds of the receipts of the Museum after deducting the necessary expenses of the Institution, excepting those for improvements, to take effect from the 1. Jan'y.

1830. R. That the sum of \$12 be appropriated for the purchase of Derbyshire's novels of Cephalopodg animals and that the Secretary be directed to write to I<sup>r</sup> Ord and request him to make the purchase. Committee on publication reported progress and were continued.

Adjourned

R Eilenfeld Griffith.

Feb'y. 9, 1830

Meeting of Trustees held this day.

Pres. Messrs. Sellers, Haines, Bacon Smith Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

Committee on publication reported progress and were continued with power to take order.

Adjourned

R Eilenfeld Griffith

Feb 23, 1830

Meeting of the Trustees held this day.

Present Messrs. Sellers, Bacon, Haines and Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

B. That the Manager be requested to make an application to the Managers of the Arcade Co. to repair the roof, representing to them, that the articles in the Museum are becoming damaged, in consequence of leaks in the roof.

R. That in consequence of the decomposition of the glass in some of the cases, that said glass be removed and new substituted.

Adjourned

R Eglesfield Griffith.

Mar. 2, 1830

Meeting of the Trustees

Present Messrs. Sellers and Bacon

No quorum

There being no quorum adjourned.

R Eglesfield Griffith

Mar 9, 1830

Meeting of the Trustees held this day

Present Messrs. Sellers Bacon Griffith

Minutes of the last meetings read and adopted

Mr & Mrs  
Canderbeck

B. That Mr Sellers be requested to write to Baltimore, respecting Mr and Mrs Canderbeck

Adjourned

R Eglesfield Griffith

March 15, 1830

Meeting of the Trustees

Present Messrs. Sellers and Haines

No quorum

There being no quorum

Adjourned

R Eglesfield Griffith

Mar 22, 1830

Meeting of the Trustees held this day

Present Messrs. Sellers Bacon Haines Griffith

Minutes of the last meetings read and adopted

word MUSEUM  
ordered to be  
placed in  
front of  
Arcade

R. That the Manager be instructed to have the word MUSEUM  
placed in the blank space in front of the Arcade

Adjourned

R Eglesfeld Griffith

March 30, 1830

Meeting of the Trustees held this day

Present Messrs Bacon Haines and Griffith

The President being absent Mr Haines was appointed chairman

No business

Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted.

There being no business

Adjourned

R Eglesfeld Griffith

April 6, 1830

Meeting of the Trustees held this day

Present Messrs Bacon Haines and Griffith

The President being absent Mr Haines was appointed Chairman

Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted

The resignation of Dr Smith was received and laid on the table

Dr & Mrs  
Canderbeck

R. That the Manager have discretionary power as regards hiring  
Mr & Mrs Canderbeck to perform at the Museum.

Adjourned

R Eglesfeld Griffith

April 14, 1830

Meeting of the Trustees held this day

Present Messrs Bacon Haines & Griffith

The President being absent Mr Haines was appointed Chairman

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

No business

There being no business

Adjourned

R Eglesfeld Griffith

May 2 1830

Meeting of the Trustees held this day

Present Messrs Haines Bacon Griffith

President being absent Mr Haines was appointed chairman

	Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted,
Working model of Locomotive Steam engine Novelty ordered to be built and \$400 approved	W. That a sum not exceeding \$400 be appropriated for the building of a locomotive steam engine, to be constructed by Mess Messon and Baldwin on the model of the Novelty, and to be exhibited in the Museum.
	Adjourned R Epesfeld Griffith June 29. 1830
	Meeting of the Trustees held this day Present Mess Sellers Smith Maines Griffith Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. On motion R that the stated quarterly meeting which would be on the 30th be held this day
Managers 4th Report	Manager presented his quarterly report which was read also a letter from the Managers of the Arcade inclosing resolutions of their board.
Curators 4th Report	The Curator presented his quarterly report with list of donations which was read.
Resolutions relative to dispute with Arcade Co.	R. That the Treasurer be requested to report as to the sums received through the engagement of Mr & Mrs Canterbeck and the sums paid on said work with the relative profit and loss. R. That the President and Manager be a committee to confer with the Managers of the Arcade on the subject of the resolutions of said Managers transmitted to the Trustees R. That the servants and other persons employed by the Arcade Co. shall not be permitted to pass through the Museum without special permission from the Manager.
Stated meeting to be 1. Tuesday in each month.	R. That in consequence of the injury to the Museum from the erection of a building to the west thereof, that the value of the premises is considerably impaired for the purpose of a public exhibition room. R. That the stated meetings of the Trustees of the Museum be henceafter held on the first Tuesday in each month. I. That the Secretary of the Trustees be directed to transmit a copy of the institutions relative to the state of the Museum from Leake Esq. to the President of the Arcade Co.



Rhinoceros

B. That the the following proposition be made to Mr Blakey -  
That the Curator will prepare and mount the skin and skeleton  
of the Rhinoceros, Mr Blakey afterwards to exhibit them at his  
own expense in this city for 1 year at the expiration of which  
time they are to become the property of the Museum.

Adjourned

A Sargentfeld Griffith

July 6, 1830

Meeting of Trustees held this day

Present Messrs. Sellers Smith Haines & Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Treasurers re-  
port - dividend  
of \$2. per share

Treasurer reads his report. Showing balance on hand \$960.21. -  
A. That a dividend of \$2 pr share be declared for the first 6  
months of 1830 payable after the 15 July.

Rhinoceros

Curator reported, That Mr Blakey declined the proposition  
offered to him respecting the Rhinoceros, - also stated that  
he had offered him \$75.

\$100, approx.  
for purchase

B. That the Curator and Manager be authorized to purchase said  
specimen at a sum not exceeding \$100  
Manager & President reported their conference with the Manager  
of the Arcade which resulted in an agreement that matters should  
remain on the same footing as previous to the passage of the  
resolutions of last meeting.

Adjourned.

A Sargentfeld Griffith

Sep. 14. 1830

Meeting of Trustees held this day

Messrs Messrs. Haines Bacon Smith & Griffith

President being absent Mr Haines was called to the chair.

Offer to paint  
the word  
Museum for \$22

Manager presented a note from R House offering to paint the word  
Museum in front of the Arcade for \$22, which was accepted.

Appropriat of  
\$300 for pur-  
chase in  
China

B. That the Treasurer be directed to put into the hands of W W  
Wood the sum of \$300 for the purpose of purchasing specimens of  
Natural history for the Museum according to a memorandum furnished  
by Director.

Curators re-  
port of his  
excursion.

Curator made a verbal report respecting a late excursion he had taken. He went to the West branch of Squaghamash at Kettle Creek, where had procured two white Deer and a Wolf and that he had made arrangements for a supply of the skins of the animals of that part of the country, having up a barrel of Whiskey & Corrosive sublimate for the purpose preserving them.

Adjourned  
R Eslesfeld Griffith

November 20, 1830

Establishment  
of Professor-  
ships

Special meeting held this day.

Present Mess Haines Bacon Smith & Griffith

The President being absent Mr Bacon was appointed Chairman

No minutes were read.

The chairman stated the business of the meeting to be the consideration of the propriety of establishing a faculty in the Natural sciences - where after considerable discussion the following resolutions were adopted for the appointment and regulation of the same.

Resolved that this board are of opinion that the interests of the Museum Co. would be benefitted by establishing a course of lectures on the various branches of the Natural Sciences and that for this purpose it will be requisite to appoint Professors who shall deliver lectures at Stated periods in the Museum they with their class to have the use of our valuable collection subject to such regulations as may from time to time be adopted by the board of Trustees.

Ex. That the professorships shall be as follows.

Two on Zoology. One on Botany, One of Mineralogy - Geology  
One on Chemistry and one on Natural philosophy.

3x. That the following regulations be and are hereby adopted subject to such alterations or amendments as it may be deemed expedient hereafter to adopt.

1. Each professor shall deliver at least one course of lectures every year.

- 2<sup>d</sup> The lecture room in the Museum, lights, fire apparatus and specimens shall be furnished by the Museum Co., provided that the expense shall at no time exceed twenty per Ct on the whole amount paid by the subscriber to the course.
- 3<sup>d</sup> Each professor shall pay 50 per ct of the amount received by him from his class into the treasury of the Museum Co.
- 4<sup>th</sup> All moneys arising out of the source mentioned in the third article shall be applied exclusively to the purchase of apparatus, specimens books or other objects for the special recommendation of a majority of the professors sanctioned by the Board of Trustees.
- 5<sup>th</sup> The arrangement of the Lectures shall be fixed by the Professors in conjunction with the Board of Trustees.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Visitors at the Museum during the hours of lecturing may be admitted to the lecture on paying twenty five cents in addition to the usual charge of admission to the Museum, one half of the money arising from this source shall be paid over to the Lecture fund hereinafter provided for.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Specimens belonging to the Museum may be removed into the Lecture Room or otherwise arranged within the building for the use of the Lecturer on application to the Curator.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Any professor neglecting to comply with the terms of the first article shall forfeit his chair unless a reasonable excuse can be given to the Board of Trustees.
- 9<sup>th</sup> All moneys arising from the means set forth in the fourth and sixth articles of these regulations shall be set apart and constitute a separate and distinct fund to be designated "The Lecture fund."

On motion Resolved that Mr Haines be requested to make enquiries in New York respecting a Moose skin now there and also on what terms an arrangement could be made for exhibiting the Hall of Industry.

Adjourned.

R E Glasfield Griffith  
Sec.

December 21, 1830

Meeting of Trustees held this day

Present, Mess Sellers, Paines and Griffith.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Beaver skin

The Manager reported that the Beaver skin had been received and that on inspection the Curator is of opinion that it ought not to be purchased as the sum asked \$30. - Whereupon it was Resolved that the Manager and Curator be authorised to take such order on it, as they shall deem expedient.

Manager also reported the receipt of a collection of Minerals from Maine and New Hampshire, for which the Museum Co had subscribed \$10 - Also - the receipt of a large collection of Gold ores from Virginia and North Carolina - which are to be placed in the Museum and properly advertised.

Annual meeting of Stockholders

The Board ordered a notice of the general meeting of the Stockholders on 1st Monday in January 1831 at 3 o'clock P M. to be inserted in the daily papers.

Adjourned

R Eglesfield Griffith

Dec 28, 1830

Meeting of Trustees held this day

Present Mess Sellers, Bacon, Smith, Paines &amp; Griffith.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Offer of S L Burrows to take any agent to S Am free of expense

A letter from S. L. Burrows of New York was read, offering a free passage to various parts of South America and from thence back to the United States to any agent sent by the Museum Co - all collections made by him to be transported free of expense.

Secretary to return thanks to.

Rx. That the Secretary be directed to return the thanks of the Trustees to Mr Burrows for his generous offer and to inform him that arrangements will be made to avail themselves thereof, - and also to request a letter of credit from Mr Burrows in favor of the agent sent.

Insurance on life of Agent

Rx That Mr Bacon be a committee to enquire at what rate an insurance can be effected on the life of the agent sent

Proposal to purchase and

Rx. That a committee be appointed to take into consideration and report on a proposal to purchase and build on a certain



Build on  
lot in Park-  
et St.  
Annual report.

Met in Market St - Committee Mess, Sellers, Bacon, & Smith  
On motion R. Thos. Lx. Smith be a committee to Men up the  
annual report to Stockholders.

Rx. That when this board adjourns, it adjourns until Wednes-  
day the 29th at 4, P M.

Adjourned,  
R Eylesfeld Griffith.

Dec. 29, 1830

Adjourned Meeting - Quarterly.

Present Mess Sellers, Bacon, & Griffith.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

Insurance on  
life of Agent  
to S. America  
Man & Car re-  
port

Mr. Bacon reported that an Insurance on the life of an agent  
to So. America can be effected from 3 to 3 1/2 for 6 mos.

Manager's and Curator's 4ty report read.

Treasurer made 4ty report

Treasurer's 4ty  
report

Receipts for 1830. 7392.54

Expenses. 3540.05

Salaries, Man & Car 1533.00

Improvements 685.11 5728.16 \$165.16

out of which has been paid a dividend of \$2 pr share equal to  
\$1000.

Div. \$1. pr  
share

Rx That a dividend of \$1. pr share be paid on and after the  
10 January.

Adjourned  
R Eylesfeld Griffith.

1831

Jan. 4, 1831

Stated meeting of Trustees held this day pursuant to notice.

Present Mess. Sellers, Haines, Bacon Griffith.

Mr Haines was appointed chairman and Dr. Griffith Secretary.

Minutes of the Motion by Stockholders were read.

Election of  
Officers

On motion the board proceeded to the election of officers for  
the ensuing year when

Coleman Sellers was elected President

John Bacon Treasurer

R. Eylesfeld Griffith Secretary

The board also proceeded to the appointment of a Manager and Curator whereupon  
 S. P. Peale was appointed Manager  
 T. R. Peale Curator  
 Compensation to Mr. That the compensation of these officers be the same as  
 Haines & Curator last year.

Adjourned

R Biesfeld Griffith, Sec.

Jan'y 11, 1831.

Stated meeting held this day.  
 Present Mess Haines, Sellers Haines  
 The Secretary being absent Mr Haines acted as such  
 Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted.  
 A letter from S. R. Burrows to the Secretary dated New York  
 Jan'y 16 1831, and to T. R. P. same date approving of W<sup>m</sup> Mc-  
 Guigan's accompanying T.R.P. and offering letters of credit  
 for the latter's expenses being answers to enquiries of the  
 Secretary were read.

Consent of Mr  
 Burrows to an  
 assistant accom-  
 panying the dis-  
 ator.

T.R. Peale ap-  
 pointed Pro-  
 fessor of Zoo-  
 logy.

On motion Mr. That the Manager be authorized to advance a sum  
 not exceeding \$15 to be an outfit for W<sup>m</sup> McGuigan -

On motion, T. R. Peale was appointed to fill the chair of  
 Zoology and the Secretary requested to furnish him with a  
 diploma of his appointment.

Adjourned. R Haines Sec. P.T.

Feb'y 1, 1831.

Stated meeting of the Trustees held this day  
 Members present Mess. Sellers Haines Smith & Griffith  
 \$100 advanced Mr. That the treasurer be authorized to advance \$100 to T.R.  
 to Curator for Peale for expenses of excursion in So. America  
 S.A. Expedition Mr. That a letter of advice be sent to S. E. Burrows, authori-  
 Authority to ping T.R.P. to draw on him for a sum or sums not exceeding \$500,  
 T.R.P. to draw he to draw on the Hays Co to reimburse himself.  
 on S. Burrows The Manager reported the T R. Peale had left here on for New  
 for \$500 York and also that the railway was preparing.  
 The committee to confer with Mr. Fleming reported progress.

Leak in roof  
of Arcade

Remonstrance  
to Managers

Manager to ob-  
tain aid of  
architect, in  
viewing state  
of roof.

The Manager reported that such danger is now accruing to the Museum in consequence of the leak in the roof.

Mr. That the President be requested to make a formal expression thereof to the Managers of the Arcade.

Mr. That the Manager be directed to <sup>solicit</sup> obtain the aid of some experienced architect or builder in viewing the state of the roof and to obtain his opinion respecting the same

Adjourned

R Eglesfeld Griffith Sec.

Meeting of Trustees held this day.

Present Mess. Sellers Bacon Smith and Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

The secretary reported that he had written to Mr Burrows -

Treasurer reported that he had advanced \$100 to T. R. Peale for expenses on expedition to South America.

Adjourned. R. Eglesfeld Griffith Sec.

Feb'y 22<sup>d</sup> 1831.

Meeting of Trustees held this day

Present Mess. Sellers, Smith, Haines & Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

Manager read extracts of letters from T. R. Peale, New York, stating that he was to sail this day.

President presented a plan for a new building to accommodate the Museum.

On motion Mess Sellers & Bacon were appointed a committee to endeavour to procure refusal of lot in 5th St.

Adjourned. R. Eglesfeld Griffith Sec.

March 1, 1831

Meeting of Trustees held this day

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Present Mess Sellers, Bacon, Haines and Griffith

On motion Resolved that the Secretary and Manager be directed to insert certain extracts from annual report and correspondence with Mr Burrows in the public papers.

Adjourned. R. Eglesfeld Griffith.

April 26, 1891

Meeting of Trustees held this day.

Members present Messrs. Bacon, Haines, Smith & Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

A letter from Prof. Ravenel of Charleston So. Carolina to the Curator announcing that he had transmitted a box of shells to the Museum was read. - The Manager reported that it had been received

A letter from P. W. Perit - offering an exchange with Mr Barrera director of the National Museum of Peru was read.

On motion, Resolved that the Secretary be directed to reply to Mr Perit's letter, and also to write to Mr Barrera, also resolved, that the Manager be directed to send a box to Mr Barrera. Letters from Capt. H. H. and Mr C. Lyall Soc Geological Soc., London were read acknowledging receipt of boxes of Mastodon, and mentioning that a set of casts of the Fossil Mastodon's Femur Ave had been transmitted in return.

On motion Resolved that the Secretary be directed to reply to said letters, returning thanks and offering to the Geological society to enter into exchange with them.

Manager reported that the Steam engine was finished, and had been tried, performing extremely well

Adjourned H. H. Griffith Sec

May 3, 1891

Meeting of Trustees held this day

Present Messrs Bacon Haines and Griffith.

The President being absent Mr Haines was called to the chair Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Letters were read from T. R. Peale. J.D. Kittinger and Mr Crutcher.

Adjourned. H. H. Griffith, Sec.

May 10<sup>th</sup> 1891

Meeting of Trustees held this day.

Present Messrs Haines Smith and Griffith

The President being absent Mr Haines was appointed Chairman



Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted

Secretary read copies of his answer to Mess. Perit, Sall, Lyell & Barrera

Manager reported, that he had written to New York respecting fossil bones, but had received no answer

On motion Resolved, That the compensation to the Manager & Curator be increased to 50/100 for the remainder of the year, the sum received during the first quarter of 1831 being only \$85 cash, which the board considers as wholly inadequate for services rendered,

On motion, Resolved, That the treasurer be directed to effect an insurance on the life of the Curator, on the best terms for \$5000.

Adjourned, R Eaglesfield Griffith Sec

May 17, 1831

Meeting of the Trustees held this day

Present Mess Sellers, Bacon Smith and Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

There being no business

Adjourned, R Eaglesfield Griffith Sec

June 28, 1831

Meeting of Trustees,

Present J. Bacon, No quorum Adjourned

June 29, 1831

Quarterly Meeting.

Members present Mess. Sellers & Bacon

No quorum adjourned to meet on Friday evening next

July 1, 1831.

Adjourned Meeting,

Members present Mess Sellers Bacon Smith and Griffith

Minutes of the last meetings were read and adopted

Letter of R Peale read respecting locomotive engine

Manager reported that he had received two different collections from T. R. Peale consisting of birds, fish, skins &c That a collection of animals preserved in spirits had been transmitted



by him to Carthagena- to be shipped from thence for the Russia, but that they had been stolen.

The Treasurer made his quarterly report showing a balance of \$222.64.

On motion Resolved that no dividend be declared for the first six months of 1831.

Adjourned R Eglesfield Griffith,

August 1831

Meeting of Trustees.

Present Mess Bacon Smith & Griffith

President being absent Mr Bacon was called to the chair

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

There being no business adjourned

R Eglesfield Griffith, Sec.

Nov 1. 1831

Meeting of Trustees

Present Mess Bacon Smith and Griffith

President being absent Mr Bacon was appointed chairman

It was announced that since the last meeting of this board that a vacancy had occurred by the decease of R. Haines - whereupon it was on motion

Res. That the secretary be directed to insert the following resolution in the minutes, -

That this board deeply deplore the death of their associate R. Haines whose industry and zeal in the promotion of the objects of the institution under their auspices have materially tended to increase its prosperity and advance the cause of science.

It was on motion Resolved that an election be held for a Trustee to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of R. Haines - Whereupon W H Keating and Dr. J. H Mitchell were nominated as candidates. J Bacon was appointed teller who reported that W H Keating was duly elected.

The Secretary reported that he had received a letter from the Director dated \_\_\_\_\_ in which he stated that he was

successfully pursuing the objects of the association with which he had been entrusted.

A letter was from Dr. Burrough offering certain specimens of quadrupeds to the Trustees for \$1000- It was on motion Resolved That a committee be appointed to confer with Dr. Burrough on the subject, and to report at the next meeting. Committee Messrs Smith & Griffith. Manager reported that a cash containing a Buffalo skin and six cases of insects had been received being the first remittance from W. Wood. He also stated that Mr Norall offered the South Islanders for exhibition at the Museum, provided he received half the profits over the ordinary receipts of the Museum.

It was on motion resolved that this offer cannot be acceded to.

Adjourned. R Eglesfield Griffith Sec

Nov. 7. 1831

Meeting of Trustees.

Present Messrs Sellers, Bacon Smith Keating and Griffith

The committee appointed to confer with Dr Burrough reported that Dr Burrough would not accept the offer of \$500 made to him by the committee.

On motion resolved that the committee be authorized to treat with Dr Burrough for a sum not exceeding \$700 payable in 3 and 6 months

On motion resolved that Mr Sellers be a committee in the conjunction with the Manager to enter into some arrangement with the executors of R. Haines respecting the Italian Village

On motion resolved that when this board adjourn, it will adjourn to meet on the first Thursday in every month at 7 O'clock P.M.

Adjourned R Eglesfield Griffith. Sec

Nov. 14. 1831

Meeting of Trustees.

Present Messrs Sellers, Keating Smith and Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The committee to treat with Dr Burrough reported that they had

had a conference with that gentleman, and found that he would not dispose of the collection offered to the Museum Co for less than \$750 -

On motion Resolved that the committee be authorized to purchase a collection of anasarpids from Dr Burroughs for a sum not exceeding \$750, in a note at 90 days, said note to be renewed with interest thereon if wished by the Museum Co, until the final settlement of the same,

Adjourned, R Eglesfeld Griffith, Sec

Dec 8, 1831

Meeting of Trustees,

Present Mess Bacon, Smith & Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

President being absent Mr Smith was appointed chairman

The committee reported that they had purchased the collection of Dr Burroughs on the terms prescribed in the resolution passed at the last meeting.

On motion Resolved that the Treasurer be directed to give Dr Burroughs a note or some other evidence of the debt due to him.

Adjourned, R Eglesfeld Griffith, Sec.

Dec 28, 1831.

Stated Meeting of Trustees

Present Mess Sellers and Griffith

There being no quorum adjourned to Saturday next

R Eglesfeld Griffith,

Dec 31, 1831.

Adjourned meeting of Trustees

Members present Mess. Sellers, Bacon, Keating and Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Nantuxet presented his quarterly report with was read letter from Gov. Nichlin was read, advising his having sent a Box 18 ft in length to the Museum from Liberia

The Committee on Italian Village reported progress and were

continued

they also stated that the debt due to the Estate of R. Haines had been assumed by Mrs Haines.

The Treasurer submitted a form of a note to Dr Burrough

The Treasurer made his quarterly report showing a net balance of \$670.66 - and also reported his acceptance of a gift of T.R. Peale for \$269.

On motion Resolved that a dividend be declared of \$1.<sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub> per share.

On motion Resolved that Mr Keating and the Manager be a committee to draw out the annual report to the stockholders.

Adjourned

R Eglesfeld Griffith Sec.

1832

January 1832

Stated Meeting of Trustees held this day

Members present Mess Bacon & Griffith

No quorum appearing                      Adjourned

R Eglesfield Griffith Sec

Feb 27.

Meeting of Trustees

Members present Mess Sellers Bacon & Griffith

Report from Annual Meeting of Stockholders was read announcing the election of Mess Sellers, Bacon Griffith, Smith and Keating as trustees for the present year.

On motion Resolved that the board go into an election of Officers for 1832 when the following persons were declared duly elected.

President.	Coleman Sellers
Treasurer.	John Bacon
Secretary	R Eglesfield Griffith
Manager	E.F. Poole
Curator.	T. R. Poole

The Treasurer reported that it was requisite to make arrangements for raising funds to meet deficiencies.

Adjourned. R Eglesfield Griffith

Mar 3. 1832

Meeting of Trustees. Present Mess Sellers, Bacon, Smith, Keating, & Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

On Motion M. That a committee be appointed to consult counsel on an alteration of the Charter, so as to free the Stockholders of the Museum from their individual responsibility, and on such other alterations as may be deemed expedient. Whereupon Mess Sellers and Keating were appointed.

An application having been made by the Exchange Co, offering a portion of their building for the accommodation of the Museum

On Motion Resolved that this Board resolve itself into a committee of the whole to confer with a committee of the Exchange Co, To meet on Monday next at 12 M.



The President announced that it had been intimated to him that an arrangement might be made with the Arcade Co for the better accommodation of the Museum. On Motion Resolved that the President be authorised to receive any proposals that may be made on the subject, said proposals to be in writing.

Adjourned, R Eglesfield Griffith

Mar 10, 1892

Special meeting of Trustees

Present Messrs Sellers, Smith & Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

The President stated the purpose of the meeting was to consider the propriety of purchasing the Arcade. - After considerable discussion

Adjourned to the 12th Inst.

R Eglesfield Griffith

Mar 12, 1892

Adjourned Meeting of Trustees.

Present Messrs Sellers, Bacon, Smith & Keating

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

The President reported the information he had obtained with respect to the sale of the Arcade. He also laid on the table the deed so long in the hand of Mr Eckfeldt and requested advice respecting the act of incorporation when considerable discussion arose, Mr Kane's opinion was submitted &c.

A communication from the Manager, relative to the Locomotive Engine and to Mr Redgman, his suggestions were on Motion approved.

On Motion Resolved that Messrs Bacon & Sellers be a committee to confer with F. & Brown Esque relative to a purchase of the Arcade

On Motion Resolved, that the Manager be directed to have a new die made, by a transfer from the Manager's one.

Resolved that a gold medal be presented to S. Burrows Esque accompanied by a letter of thanks from the Trustees of the Museum Co.

Adjourned.

J. Bacon Sec pro tem.

Oct 4 1832

	Meeting of Trustees held this day. Present Mess Sellers, Bacon, Keating and Griffith. Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted.
Locomotive Engine	Report from Manager respecting Agreement with Wm Ellis, for use of Engine was read and approved
Responsibility of Curator as to compensation.	Letter of Curator respecting the inadequacy of his present salary was read and the subject referred to a committee consist- ing of Mess Smith, Bacon & Griffith.  Adjourned, R Eglesfield Griffith,  Dec 26, 1832.
	Meeting of Trustees held this day. Present Mess, Sellers, Bacon, Smith and Griffith. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.
Report of Com. on state of Museum.	The committee on the state of the Museum made a report, a copy of which was ordered to be laid before the Board of Stockholders -
Quarterly report	The quarterly report of the Manager was read and accepted.
Treasurer's report	The Treasurer reported that there were no funds belonging to the Museum Company in his hands on which a dividend could be declared. On motion. Resolved, that no dividend be declared for the last six months
Debt to R. Haines to be liquidated.	Resolved, That the treasurer be directed to discharge the debt due to the estate of Reuben Haines out of the first monies paid into his hands and not otherwise appropriated.
Com <sup>tee</sup> to ex- amine Treasur- er's accounts	On motion Resolved that a committee be appointed to examine and report on the accounts laid before the meeting by the Treasurer - whereupon the President appointed Mess. D B Smith and R. B. Griffith
Com <sup>tee</sup> to draw up Annual re- port	On motion. Resolved that a committee be appointed to draw up the annual report to the Stockholders, whereupon the President appointed the same committee Resolved that when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday Jan'y 4, at 4. P.M.  Adjourned R Eglesfield Griffith Sec.

1893

July 7, 1893.

Members of  
Board

Election of  
officers of  
Board.

Election of  
officers of  
Museum.

Stated meetings

Stated meeting

Meeting of Trustees held this day

Members Present, Messrs Sellers, Griffiths and Griffith

Mr Sellers was called to the chair and R.E. Griffith Secretary

Report from the Stockholders was read announcing that they had

elected Messrs C. Sellers, D B. Smith, J Bacon, S. P. Griffiths

and R. E. Griffith as their Trustees for the present year.

The Board then went into the election of officers and the follow-

ing persons were declared to be duly elected,

President. Coleman Sellers

Treasurer. John Bacon

Secretary. R Eglesfield Griffith

The President reported the following resolution adopted at the  
annual meeting of the Stockholders.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient that any change should be made  
in the Officers of the Museum at the present time.

On Motion it was resolved that the board now proceed to the  
appointment of Officers of Museum for one year, whereupon

F. Peale was appointed Manager

T. B Peale Curator.

On Motion resolved that the Stated meetings of this board be  
held on the 2<sup>d</sup> Tuesday of each month at 4 P.M. until otherwise

ordered.

Adjourned

R Eglesfield Griffith, Sec

July 24, 1893

Special Meeting.

Board of Trustees met this day

Present Messrs Sellers, Smith, Bacon, Griffiths and Griffith.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Managers report  
on Dye and  
Medals.

Gold Medal to  
S.E. Dutton

The Manager made a report respecting the dye and medals, which  
was read and accepted.

On motion Resolved, that the Manager be instructed to prepare  
a Medal for S. E. Dutton Dye, as soon as possible from the

	gold brought from S. America by the Curator, the inscription to be furnished by the Secretary.
	The President stated that he had written to Rubens Fealere respecting a sign for the front of the Museum.
Italian Village	On Motion Resolved that the Manager be directed to fix up the Italian Village as soon as possible
Better lighting of Museum	On Motion Resolved that the Manager be directed to arrange a lamp with proper reflectors in front of the S. American quadrangle case, so as to throw the light into the case, and also that he report the progress of the same to the board as early as possible - and likewise to report on a better plan for lighting the whole Museum.
Locomotive Engine	On Motion Resolved that the Manager be instructed to put the rails in and run the locomotive engine every evening until further notice.
Compensation for 1st quarter to Manager & Curator	On Motion. Resolved. That the compensation of the Manager and Curator be fixed at 50 pr ct on the net profits, for the ensuing three months.
Curator to lecture.	On Motion. Resolved that the Curator be instructed to deliver a lecture once a week on Natural History

Adjourned  
 R Spiesfeld Griffith, Sec  
 Feb'y 12, 1833.

Stated Meeting.  
 Board of Trustees met this day  
 Present Mess Sellers, Bacon & Griffiths.  
 Secretary being absent S. P. Griffiths was appointed Sec. Pro tem  
 No minutes were read, Secretary having neglected to send the minute book.  
 On motion that this board adjourn to the 15th inst at 4 PM.  
 (Signed) S.P. Griffiths Sec. Pro tem.  
 Feb. 15. 1833

Adjourned Meeting.  
 Board of Trustees met this day.



	<p>Present Messrs. Sellers, Menn, Smith &amp; Griffiths</p> <p>The Secretary being absent S. P. Griffiths was appointed Sec. pro tem.</p> <p>The minutes of the two last meetings were then read, and after the adoption of the following resolution, were approved.</p>
Resolution of last meeting to be rescinded	<p>Resolved that so much of the minutes of the meeting of Jan'y 24 be amended by striking out the preamble and resolution, relative to the Manager, and the Secretary be directed to furnish him a copy of this resolution.</p> <p>A communication from the Curator was read and after the adoption of the following resolution was accepted.</p>
Curator to prepare the specimens on hand and to procure a room	<p>Resolved That the report of the Curator as just read be accepted and that he be instructed to engage a suitable room for the preparation of the different subjects of Natural history, now in the possession of the institution, particular reference being had to the South American collection, with a request from the board, that such preparations be completed as early as practicable and placed in the Museum, and that he report at the next stated meeting of the board (March)</p> <p>A report from the Manager with accompanying documents was read and accepted.</p>
Murales	<p>Resolved. That the board deem it inexpedient to extend the negotiation relative to Murales at New York, and the project be abandoned</p> <p>Memorial from Manager and Curator was read, respecting ill conduct of the Watchman of the Arcade -</p>
Gas lighting	<p>Resolved that the board deem it inexpedient at present to take any measures relative to Gas, believing the plan proposed by the City Councils will not be carried into effect.</p>
Petition to Man. of Arcade respecting Watchman	<p>Resolved that the President &amp; Secretary of the board be directed to address a petition to the Managers of the Arcade requesting the discharge of the present Watchman of the building.</p>
Lighting Museum	<p>Resolved. That the Manager be directed to place such a lamp as he may deem most suitable on the exterior of the South American case for the inspection of the board, and to report the probable expense of new lamps, and what can be obtained for the old fixtures, at the next stated meeting of the board, if practicable.</p>



Adjourned  
R Eglesfield Griffith Sec.

Feb 21, 1833.

Special Meeting.

Meeting of Trustees held this day

Present Mess Sellers, Bacon, Griffiths & Griffith.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The President stated the object of the meeting to be relative to lighting the Museum in a better manner.

Report of  
Manager

A report from the Manager was read, stating that a lamp was now ready for the inspection of the board, and also that the Italian Village was ready for exhibition. Which was accepted.

Memorial re-  
specting gas  
to be sent to  
the City  
Councils.

Resolved, That the resolution respecting memorial to councils respecting gas, which was adopted at the last meeting be recon- sidered

On Motion Resolved that said resolution be reconsidered and that the memorial of the Manager be transmitted to the City councils by the Secretary.

Locomotive  
engine.

Resolved, That the exhibition of the Locomotive engine be post- poned for the present.

Adjourned  
R Eglesfield Griffith, Sec

Mar. 12, 1833.

Stated Meeting.

Board of Trustees met this day.

Present Mess. Sellers, Bacon, Griffiths & Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Report of  
Manager.  
Medals

Report from Manager was read and accepted, and the arrangements entered into by him in relation to the Medals were approved of.

On Motion. Resolved that the Manager be instructed to contract with C. Cornelius for 20 lamps at \$150 and the old lamps.

Watchman of  
Arcade

A communication was read from P. A Browne, stating that the man- agers of the Arcade had appointed a committee to meet a committee of the Trustees.

Report of  
Curator

Resolved that Mess Sellers and Griffith be a committee to confer with the committee of the Managers of the Arcade.

A report from the Curator was read and accepted

The Secretary reported that he had attended to the duty assigned to him and had transmitted to counsils the report of the Manager respectively.

Adjourned

R Eglesfield Griffith Sec.

Mar 27, 1833.

Stated Quarterly Meeting.

Meeting of Trustees held this day.

Present Mess Sellers, Griffiths & Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Report  
of Manager  
Reconstruction of  
alterations in  
Arcade

The Quarterly of Manager was read and accepted.

On Motion Resolved that the Committee appointed at the last meeting also reconstrute with the Managers of the Arcade on the alteration now making in the lower story.

Compensation  
Manager & Curator  
Quarterly re-  
port, Curator

Resolved, that the Compensation to the Manager & Curator be 50 pr ct on the net proceeds, until otherwise ordered,

Quarterly report of Curator, with documents was read and accepted.

Purchase of  
Horse and  
Carriage,

On motion Resolved that the steps taken with regard to the purchase of Horse & Carriage by the Curator be approved of.

Adjourned.

R Eglesfield Griffith. Sec.

April 9th 1833.

Stated Meeting.

Members Present Mess, Griffiths & Griffith

There being no quorum,

Adjourned

R Eglesfield Griffith Sec.

May 2, 1833.

Special Meeting.

Members Present: Cass, Sellers, Smith, Griffiths & Griffith.  
Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Report of Manager. Report of the Manager was read and accepted.

Resignation of Do. The Manager tendered his resignation was read and accepted and the Secretary was directed to acknowledge the same, and to express the friendly feelings of the board.

Manager tendered services while abroad. A letter was read from Manager, tendering his services in procuring specimens for the Museum during his absence.

Order in fav. H. Peale \$18.09. An a/c from Rubens Peale was read, showing a balance due H. Peale of \$18.09. - On Motion resolved that an order be drawn in favor of H. Peale for \$18.09.

Election for Manager. On Motion resolved, that an election be held for a Manager to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of F. Peale.

F. H. Peale elec. Manager. F. H. Peale was nominated and unanimously elected.

Compensation of Manager. On Motion Resolved, that the compensation of the Manager be fixed at 35 pt ct on the net amount of receipts, until otherwise ordered.

Silver Medals. On Motion. Resolved, that a silver medal be presented to Dr Moore, Mr Knapp and Mr Bakfield of the mint in testimony of their services, and that their names be engraved thereon. Also Resolved, That a silver medal be presented to Dr Patterson, J. Parker Morris and to each member of the existing board of trustees.

Gold Medal. On Motion Resolved, that the Gold Medal ordered to be presented to S. E. Burrows, Esq be entrusted to S. F. Griffiths for that purpose.

Meeting of board 2, Thursday at 8. P.M. On Motion Resolved, that the future meetings of the Board be held on the 2<sup>d</sup> Thursday in each month at 8 P.M. until otherwise ordered.

Adjourned. J Dylesfield Griffith, Sec.

May. 9. 1833.

United Meeting.

Members present, Sellers, Bacon, Smith, Griffiths, Griffith.  
Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.  
Secretary reported that he had addressed letters to S. E. Burrows and F. Peale

Silver Medal  
to H. Haines

S.P. Griffiths reported that in consequence of the absence of  
G. E. Burrows, he was unable to present the Gold Medal to him.  
On Motion resolved that a silver medal be presented to the fami-  
ly of H. Haines

Incentive  
for sale-

Resolved, that the Manager be directed to advertise respecting  
the new and improved lighting of the Museum, and also offering  
the incentive service for sale.

Adjourned.

R Edmefeld Griffith, Sec.

June 13, 1893

Quarterly  
Report.

Stated Meeting.

Members present Mess. Smith, Griffiths, Griffith.

President being absent Mr Smith was called to the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Manager made 4th report which was read and accepted.

R. that the Manager be authorized to write to London respecting  
plan for Solar microscope.

The following bills were accepted and orders drawn on the Treas-  
urer for their respective amounts.

T.R. Peale	table for trustees room.	\$10.00
J. Kents.	repairing run	10.00
C. Alexander	Daily Chronicle	12.50
T. Desilver.	Gardies	45.50

Mummies

Rx That it is inexpedient to purchase the Mummies offered to  
the Museum.

New Building

Rx. That a committee of two be appointed to make enquiries of  
and confer with the Managers of the Saving fund, respecting the  
erection of a building to accommodate the Museum, whereupon Mess.  
Griffiths and Griffith were appointed.

Adjourned

R Edmefeld Griffith, S

June 17, 1893

Special Meeting.

Meeting of Trustees held this day.

Present Mess Sellers, Smith, Bacon, Griffiths & Griffith



Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

Locomotive  
Eng.

President stated the object of the meeting to be to take measures respecting the locomotive engine

Offer to  
hire

A letter from the Manager was read, stating that it was injurious to the interests of the Hudson to continue running the Locomotive engine, and also that the present engineer C. Dickenson wished to hire the Engine on the same terms as were obtained in Lancaster & New York.

Resolved. That the Manager be instructed to discontinue running the Locomotive engine.

Locomotive  
Eng.

Resolved. That the Locomotive engine be rented to C. Dickenson, for half the net profits, he to be at the expense of removing and putting the rails, and pledging himself to keep the Engine in good order and in a safe place, and also that the Engine be not run on Sundays.

Medal to  
S. R. Burrows

Letter from S. R. Burrows acknowledging the receipt of the Gold Medal voted to him, was read.

\$300 to Ex.  
T. Haines

Resolved that an order be drawn in favor of the Executor of R. Haines for \$300 & interest

Adjourned  
R. Milesfield Griffith. Sec.

June 22, 1833.

#### Special Meeting.

Meeting of Managers held this day

Present Messrs Sellers, Bacon, Griffiths

Secretary being absent S. P. Griffiths was appointed Sec pro tem

Locomotive  
Engine

The object of the meeting was stated to be an offer made by Mr. Colton of \$300 cash for Locomotive Engine and rails -

On motion resolved that the same be not sold under \$400 cash

Adjourned  
(signed) S. P. Griffiths, Sec. P. T.

July 11, 1833.

#### Stated Quarterly Meeting.

Meeting of Trustees held this day.

Members present Messrs Sellers, Griffiths & Griffith

Minutes of last stated and 2 special meetings were read and adopted.

My report Manager made quarterly report which was read and accepted.

orders drawn Resolved that the following orders be drawn.

T. R. Teale compensation, in case no receipts of 2 quarter, 1833	
T. W Baldwin dies Ac.	20.15
Jasper Harding for Philad <sup>m</sup> Enquirer.	12.50

Bill for lamps Resolved that the bill of Co. Cornwallis be referred to Manager, an credit having been given for old lamps.

Rails to be taken down. Ac. That Manager be instructed to have rails taken down and in the cellar belonging to C. Sellers in Minor St.

Adjourned, R Selesfeld Griffith Sec

July 29, 1833

Special Meeting.

Members present Wm Sellers, Griffiths & Griffith

Manager's compensation. The object of the meeting was stated to be, the consideration of the compensation of the Manager.

Resolution May 2d On Motion Resolved that the resolution of May 2 1833 fixing the compensation of the Manager at 35 pr ct until otherwise ordered, be and is hereby rescinded.

65/100 for last 4. On Motion Resolved that the compensation of the Manager for the last quarter be 45 pr ct on the net receipts.

On Motion, Resolved that an order be drawn in favor of T. R Teale for \$56.09 being the balance of compensation due him.

On motion Resolved that in the opinion of this board, the salary of the Manager of this institution ought not to be less than \$1000 pr annum and that the Board hereby pledge themselves that said sum shall be paid to him provided the net income of the Museum will warrant it.

Resolved That the percentage be calculated at the expiration each quarter after the net revenue is ascertained.

Resolved That the Manager be instructed to write for the oil at least every week.

Adjourned, R Selesfeld Griffith Sec.

Sept 11, 1833.

## Stated Meeting.

Meeting of Trustees held this day

Present Messrs Sellers, Smith Griffiths &amp; Griffith

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Managers report Managers monthly report was read and proceedings approved.

Letters Letters were received from the administrators of the Museum acknowledging receipt of specimens - Frank W. Wood announcing that a fresh supply of animals would be sent.

Report of Committee to confer with the Managers of the saving fund, reported progress and begged leave to be discharged, which on motion was agreed to.

On motion resolved that the Bills of Allen \$130 and T. W. Morgan \$55.07 be referred to the treasurer for settlement.

Resolved that orders be drawn in favor of.

Franklin Institute for Journal	\$5
DeSilver & Thomas (Stationery.	14
T. W. Morgan. Oil	\$55.07.
J. B. Allen do	130
C. Cornelius & Son. Lamps.	212.

Franklin Journal to be stopped On motion resolved that the Manager be directed to stop subscription to Journal of the Franklin Institute.

Adjourned, R B Griffith Sec.

October 10, 1833.

## Stated Meeting

Members present Messrs Sellers Jacob Griffiths &amp; Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Managers report Manager made his 4<sup>th</sup> report for 3<sup>d</sup> quarter of 1833, accompanied with his AQ Curt and a list of donations which were read and adopted

Resolutions to be published On motion Resolved that the Manager be requested to publish a list of the donations made to the Museum during 1833 and also that of the donations for the last quarter.

Warning Rooms On motion Resolved that the President &amp; Secretary be a committee to take measures for warming the Museum in a more effectual manner.

Compensat to  
Man 30 pr ab.

On Motion Resolved that the compensation to the Manager be  
30 prct on the net receipts for the last quarter.

Adjourn, R Eglesfeld Griffith.

Oct. 30, 1833.

Special Meeting.

Present Mess. Griffiths & Griffith

There being no quorum adjourned

R Eglesfeld Griffith Sec

Nov. 14 1833.

Stated Meeting.

Members present Mess Sellers Bacon & Griffith.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

Managers report A report of the Manager was read and adopted

Building

The Resolutions of a public meeting held at the Athenaeum, to  
consider the expediency of erecting a building for the scientific  
Institutions was read and laid on the table

Note of  
Industry

Resolved the consideration of an engagement with Ralph Setton  
for the Hall of Industry be postponed.

Dark Canoe

Resolved that the subject of the purchase of a bark canoe, re-  
commended in the Manager's report, be referred to the Manager  
with the power to take order thereon

Resolved that orders be drawn in favor of

G. Alexander { Sub to Daily Chronicle 12.50

C. Sellers. Money borrowed 250.00

Adjourned

R Eglesfeld Griffith Sec.

Dec 12, 1833

Stated Meeting

Members present Mess Sellers. Griffiths Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

Manager's re-  
port

Manager made a report which was read and accepted

Purchase of stock

Resolved that the purchase of a stock by the Manager be approved  
of

Resolved That in consequence of the absence of the treasurer,  
the consideration of the purchase of two additional stocks and



and a printing press recommended in Managers report be postponed.

Order was drawn in favor of W<sup>m</sup> Fay advertising \$32.50

Building

Resolved that the communication of proceedings of a public meeting for the erection of a building for scientific institutions be taken up when on motion Mess Griffiths & Griffith were appointed a committee to attend to the same.

Hall of Industry

H. P. Griffiths reported that an arrangement would be entered into with R. Sutton.

On motion resolved that when board adjourns it adjourn to meet on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 7. P.M.

Adjourned

R Eglesfield Griffith Sec.

Dec 19. 1833.

Adjourned meeting.

Members present Mess. Sellers, Griffiths & Griffith

On Motion Resolved that the board adjourn till Saturday the 21 at 7. P.M.

Adjourned

R Eglesfield Griffith Sec.

Dec 21. 1833

Adjourned Meeting.

Members present Mess Bacon Griffiths & Griffith.

The President being absent Mr Bacon was appointed chairman

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

Prepd types

Resolved that the Manager be empowered to purchase a prepared types for the use of the Museum at a price not exceeding \$75

The committee appointed to attend a public meeting of societies on the erection of a building reported progress and were continued

Resolved that an order be drawn in favor of Settle, S. Coal, C. for coal \$50 75

State of building

The following preamble and resolutions were on motion adopted, Whereas. On the 10th and 17 Inst, during and after the violent storm that occurred at those periods, such damage has accrued

Remonstrance  
to the Arcade  
Co.

to the valuable articles deposited in the collection of the Philadelphia Museum Company, the water being freely admitted, and in large quantity as conservators of this invaluable collection and to whom the Stockholders have entrusted the well keeping and preservation of their interests, the Board of Trustees under these considerations

Resolved, That a remonstrance on the imperfect state of the building be made to the President and Managers of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Arcade Co requesting an immediate and thorough repair of the same.

Resolved That should this application be as unsuccessful as the former that a committee be appointed immediately on the receipt of the determination of the Board of Managers of the Arcade, and if the same prove unfavorable, that they be instructed to make enquiry and arrangements for other accommodations for the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum.

Resolved the sec be instructed to transmit the first of these resolutions to the President of the Arcade Co -

On motion Resolved that when this board adjourn it adjourn to meet on the 2<sup>d</sup> Jan'y, next

Adjourned, R Eglesfield Griffith

Jan'y 2. 1834

Adjourned Meeting.

Present Mess Griffiths & Griffith

No quorum

Adjourned

R Eglesfield Griffiths

1896

July 6, 1894

	<p>Stated Meeting</p> <p>Members present Messrs Keyser, Griffiths &amp; Griffith Summers</p> <p>Mr Keyser was appointed Chairman and</p> <p>E. E. Griffith Secretary.</p> <p>A report from the Shareholders was read announcing that at their annual election held this day they had elected J. Bacon, E. E. Griffith, A. Sommers, S. P. Griffiths &amp; E. W. Keyser as Trustees for 1894. - This report was ordered to be filed.</p>
Members of Board	
Election of Officers of Board.	<p>The board then went into an election of Officers for the ensuing year</p> <p>S. P. Griffiths was appointed teller who reported that</p> <p>E. W. Keyser was duly elected President</p> <p>J. Bacon Treasurer</p> <p>E. E. Griffith Secretary</p>
Appointment of Manager.	<p>The board then went into an election for a Manager for 1894 when T. R. Peale was unanimously elected.</p>
Compensation to Manager	<p>On Motion Resolved that the compensation to the Manager for 1894 shall be such a per centage as shall amount to a sum not less than \$1000 per annum.</p>
Managers report	<p>On Motion the postponed business of the last board was then taken up when the 4<sup>th</sup> quarterly report of Manager for last 4<sup>th</sup> of 1893 was read and approved</p>
Managers A/C	<p>When the 4<sup>th</sup> quarterly account current of do. was read and ordered to be filed</p>
Order, \$10.72 S.P. Griffiths	<p>Bill from S. P. Griffiths for sundries \$10.72 was read and order drawn for the same if declared to be correct by the Manager</p> <p>On motion Resolved that the Manager be directed to advertise in these daily papers taken by the Boston Co. a notice of the election of Trustees and of the officers elected by them.</p> <p>On motion Resolved that the Stated Meetings of this board be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at such time may from time to time appoint and that until otherwise ordered the hour be 7. P.M.</p>
Advertisement of election of Board &c.	
Stated Meetings	

Resolutions  
as to be in  
writing,

On motion Resolved that when this board adjourns it adjourns  
to meet on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> Inst at 7. P.M.

On motion Resolved that all motions or resolutions submitted  
to this board be in writing.

Adjourned

B Scalesfield Griffiths

July 16, 1874.

Stated Monthly Meeting.

Present 5  
Members.

Members present Messrs Keyser Bacon Summers Griffith & Griffiths

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

A report of the Manager was read and accepted

Orders issued  
in favor of

The bills were presented and orders issued on the Treasurer  
for their respective amounts.

W.P. Gibbons Type as per resolution Dec 21, 1873 15.15

W<sup>d</sup> Hyde. Stationary 7.44

Jesse Harding. Pennsylv<sup>a</sup> Inquirer 12.50

D. Alexander. Post Bills 7.50

Dogilver. Stationary 12.50

Cornelius & Son. Lamps 11.00

Finchin for Medals 108.75

M. Nott & Co. Stove 109.25

Treasurer to  
furnish a monthly  
statement.

On motion Resolved that the Treasurer be required to furnish  
a statement of the amount in his hands to the credit of the  
Faucett Co. at every stated monthly meeting.

Bye laws to be  
revised

On motion Resolved that a committee of 3 be appointed to revise  
and make additions to the bye laws and to report the same to the  
board as early as possible. Committee Messrs Griffith, Griffiths  
& Summers.

25 gilt medals

On motion Resolved that the Manager be directed to have 25 of  
the gilt copper medals struck for the uses mentioned in his report.

Copper medals  
to be at dis-  
position of Man  
Schuykill  
water on the  
premises.

On motion Resolved that it is inexpedient to take any order on  
the proposition respecting advertising.

On motion Resolved that the Manager be instructed to enquire the  
expense attendant on introducing the Schuykill water into the  
Faucett with the price of 300 ft of heavy hose small size with  
suitable screws &c and to report to this board.



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<p>Compensation to Man<sup>r</sup> for last quarter 1893.</p> <p>20 pr ct on net proceeds</p>	<p>Resolved that the subject of compensation to the Manager for the last quarter of 1893 be now taken up.</p> <p>Resolved, That the compensation of the Manager for the last quarter of 1893 be 20 pr ct on the net proceeds of the Museum during said quarter.</p> <p>Resolved, That the President &amp; Secretary acting as a committee be instructed to take the advice of Counsel, whether the Phil<sup>a</sup> Museum is liable for rent to the Philad<sup>a</sup> Arcade Co, under the existing circumstances of the defective state of the roof.</p>
<p>Counsel to be consulted.</p>	<p>Adjourned</p> <p>R Rollefald Griffith.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Feb. 21, 1894</p>
<p>No quorum</p>	<p>Stated Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Members present Messrs Keyser &amp; Griffith</p> <p>There being no quorum</p> <p>Adjourned</p> <p>R Rollefald Griffith</p> <p style="text-align: right;">March 20, 1894</p>
<p>Treasurer's report</p> <p>Manager's report</p> <p>Managers a/c</p> <p>Bye laws adopted and ordered to be printed</p>	<p>Stated Quarterly Meeting.</p> <p>Members present Messrs Keyser, Bacon, Griffith &amp; Griffith</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted</p> <p>Treasurer reported balance in his hands of \$</p> <p>The quarterly report of the Manager was read and accepted</p> <p>The Managers a/c for the last quarter was read, balance \$85 <sup>70</sup>/<sub>100</sub></p> <p>The committee on the Bye Laws made a report was read, amended and adopted.</p> <p>On Motion Resolved that the Manager be directed to have 250 copies of the Charter and of the code of Bye Laws just adopted, printed.</p>
<p>Schuykill Water</p>	<p>Resolved, that the consideration of hydrant water into the Museum be postponed for the present.</p>
<p>Platforms in case on main room</p>	<p>Resolved that the Manager be instructed to have the platforms in the cases alluded to his report, erected as soon as possible.</p>
<p>Season Tickets</p>	<p>Resolved that it is inexpedient to make any alteration in the price of season tickets for schools.</p> <p>Adjourned</p> <p>R Rollefald Griffith, Secy.</p>

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April 17, 1834

Stated Quarterly Meeting,  
Members present, Eason, Keyser & Griffith

No quorum

There being no quorum

Adjourned

R Sylesfield Griffith Sec.

May 15 1834

Stated Meeting

Members present Eason Keyser, Griffiths, Griffith, Eason & Sumner  
Minutes of March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 17. were read and adopted

Report of  
Manager

Quarterly report of Manager was read and adopted

Treasurers  
report

Treasurer made a verbal report that

The receipts for last quarter to May 19. 890.94

Expenditures 792.45

Leaving a deficiency of 100.49

Compensation  
to Manager

Whereupon the settlement of the compensation to Manager was postponed.

order Rev. L.  
S. Comd on  
\$52.50

Resolved that an order be drawn in fav. of L.S. Nav. & Coal  
Co. for \$52.50 and that the remainder of the bills be laid on  
the table

Bye Laws.

On motion Chap 6 of the Bye Laws was reconsidered and amended as follows.

Art 1. The Professorships shall be, one of Zoology, one of  
Botany, one of Mineralogy and Geology; One of Natural Philoso-  
phy and one of Comparative Anatomy.

Art. 6. to be stricken out

Professorships

Resolved that the order of business for the next stated meeting  
shall be the appointment of Professors to fill the chairs pro-  
vided for in Chap 6. of the Bye Laws.

Rough minutes were read

Adjourned

R Sylesfield Griffith Sec.

June 1834

Stated Meeting

Members present Eason, Griffiths &amp; Griffith

No quorum	There being no quorum  Adjourned R Eglesfield Griffith
No Meeting	The Secretary being absent No meeting was called in July  August 31, 1834.
	Stated Meeting Members present Messrs. Griffiths, Griffith and Summers. President being absent, Mr. Griffiths was called to the chair, Minutes of May 15, 1834 and June was read and adopted.
Managers report	The quarterly report of Manager was read and adopted.
List of donations	List of donations since July 1834 was read and ordered to be filed
Professorships	The order of the day the appointment of Professors was postponed to the next meeting.
Offer for Locomotive	A communication from J. E. Lambdin for the purchase of the Locomotive engine & fixtures for \$350 - one hundred to be cash, the remainder at 3 mos - The President appeared and took his seat
ordered to be sold	On Motion, Resolved that a committee be appointed and shall be authorized to effect a sale of the Locomotive Engine to J. E. Lambdin at the price offered in his note, provided they are satisfied with the securities - Committee Messrs. Griffiths & Summers. Resolved that the report of the Manager be taken up by sections
Communication	Resolved that a communication be made to the President of the
Communication to President Arcade Co.	Resolved that a communication be made to the President of the Philad Arcade Co, enclosing so much of the report of the Manager as relates to the state of the roof, and requesting the speedy attention of the Arcade Co to the same.
Expedition up the Susquehanna	Resolved, That the conduct of the Manager with respect to his expedition up the Susquehanna for specimens of Deer, as per his report of this date be approved of. The Yeas and Nays were called as follows. Yeas. Messrs Keyser Griffith & Griffiths, Nays. Mr. Summers.
Schumacher do	Resolved. That at present it is inexpedient to engage the services of Mr Schumacher & others at the price mentioned in

Eliza  
Hampton  
order in  
favor of  
A. Ramage 50  
D. White 25.87½

Managers report.  
Resolved that the dismissal of Eliza Hampton be approved of.  
Resolved, That an order issue on the Treasurer in favor of  
Adam Ramage on acct \$50.00  
David White in full 25.87½  
Adjourned  
H Englesfeld Griffith Sec.  
Aug 26, 1834

Special Meeting.  
Present Messrs. Griffiths & Griffith  
There being no quorum Adjourned  
H Englesfeld Griffith Sec.  
Sept 18, 1834

Stated Meeting  
Members present Messrs. Lanyon, Griffith, Summers, Mason & Griffiths  
Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted  
The committee appointed to dispose of the Locomotive Engine  
reported that they had disposed of the same to J. H. Lambdin  
for \$750 - of which \$100 was to cash and the remainder at 4  
mos with the premium of exchange added, and also that they had  
obtained a note for \$250 plus the exchange which had been for-  
warded to Louisville collection. The report was accepted and  
the committee discharged.

Sale of  
Locomotive

Managers  
report  
Engagement of  
Eliza Higgs

The Manager made a report respecting roof of Arcade, and also  
that he had engaged the services of Eliza Higgs as profile cut-  
ter at \$3 pr week. The report was accepted and the appointment  
confirmed.  
The President reported that he had attended to the duty as-  
signed him at the last Stated Meeting and had addressed a let-  
ter to Jos Dugan President of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Arcade Co. The re-  
port was accepted and the committee discharged.

Professorships

On Motion the subject of the appointment of professors was  
further postponed.

Order in fav<sup>r</sup>  
of.

The following bills were presented and orders issued on the  
Treasurer for their respective amounts.



A. Kewage	20.87	Adam Kewage in full	20.87
J. Dobson	17.10	Judah Dobson	17.10
De Silver & Co.	11.50	De Silver Jr & Thomas	11.50
J. Harding	12.50	Jesper Harding	<u>12.50 (11.97)</u>

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to make such enquiries as they may deem most advisable in furtherance of the views of this Board, for procuring a more eligible location for the exhibition of the property of the Philad. Museum Co. Committee Griffiths, Griffith and Mason

Notice to Arcade Co. The Treasurer suggested the propriety of giving the Philad<sup>a</sup> Arcade Co, 6 mos notice of the intention of the Museum Co to vacate the premises now held of them.

Adjourned

A. Edensfeld Griffith Sec.

Oct 16, 1834.

Stated Quarterly Meeting

Members present Mess Keyser, Griffiths & Griffith

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

New Building The committee appointed at the last meeting to make enquiries respecting a more suitable location for the Museum reported progress and were continued.

Managers report The Manager made his quarterly report, which was read and accepted  
\* a/c The Managers a/c for the 3<sup>d</sup> quarter of 1834, was read and referred to the treasurer.

List of donations The List of donations for the 3<sup>d</sup> quarter of 1834, was read and ordered to be filed.

Thanks to Capt Hays & Dr Moore Resolved that the Secretary be instructed to return the thanks of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Co to Capt Thomas Hays for his exertions in furthering the interests of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Co, and that he be presented with the Silver Medal with a suitable inscription.

Resolved that the Secretary be directed to return the thanks of the Phil<sup>a</sup> Museum Co to Dr Moore, for his exertions in furthering the views of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Co

Professorships On Motion the appointment of Professors was indefinitely postponed.

View for Cosmorama	Resolved that the purchase by the Manager of views for the Cosmorama be approved.												
Gun.	Resolved that the purchase of a gun by him for the service of the institution also be approved.												
R.S. Gilbert \$13	The following bill was presented, and an order issued on the Treasurer for the same. <div style="margin-left: 40px;">R. S. Gilbert for wood cuts of Candelapard. \$13.00</div> <div style="margin-left: 100px;">Adjourned</div> <div style="margin-left: 100px;">R Eglanfeld Griffith, Sec.</div> <div style="margin-left: 150px;">Nov. 29, 1874.</div>												
	<p>Stated Meeting</p> <p>Members present. Mess Messer, Bacon, Summers, Griffiths &amp; Griffith</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted</p> <p>The Manager made a report which was read &amp; accepted.</p> <p>The committee appointed to make enquiries respecting a more suitable location for the Museum reported progress and were continued</p> <p>The Treasurer reported that the balance in his hands Jan'y 1. 509.21</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Received since Sale of Locomotive</td> <td>100.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>" from Manager</td> <td>1416.46</td> <td>2025.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>and that he has paid for rent &amp; salaries Ac.</td> <td>1677.65</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leaving a balance in his hands this day of</td> <td>348.02</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>and also that the rent due Oct 1. \$393.75 was unpaid for want of funds</p>	Received since Sale of Locomotive	100.00		" from Manager	1416.46	2025.67	and that he has paid for rent & salaries Ac.	1677.65		Leaving a balance in his hands this day of	348.02	
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Report of Manager.													
New Building.													
Treasurers report													
Ventriloquist	<p>A letter from New York from B. Peale respecting a ventriloquist, was read</p> <p>On Motion Resolved that it is inexpedient to accept of the pro- posal of Mr Peale, and that the Secretary be directed to inform him of the same.</p> <p>The report of the Manager was taken up, and the subject of other accommodations for the Museum considered.</p> <p>On Motion Resolved, that the report of the Manager be referred to a committee with power to employ counsel, and also that the plan submitted by the Manager be referred to the same committee - Committee Mess Bacon, Griffiths &amp; Griffith.</p>												

Adjourned

R Erlenfeld Griffith Sec

Dec. 16, 1894

## Stated Meeting

Members present Messrs. Keyser, Griffiths &amp; Summers.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

## New Building.

The committee appointed to secure a more eligible situation for exhibiting the property of the Philad. Museum Co. Reported.

## Opinion of Counsel

That as yet no opportunity has occurred of making any change, also that they have engaged John H Scott Esq. as Counsel, to whom they applied for advice; at an interview with this gentleman, he recommended that no steps should be taken until the fact of the existence of a lease could be ascertained which duty has been undertaken by Mr John Bacon and the result not known. (signed) S.P. Griffiths, on behalf of Committee.

The report of the Manager was read &amp; accepted.

## Locomotive Engine

On motion. Resolved. That the Manager be directed to reply to the communication of Mr Lambdin, relative to the locomotive engine, &amp; that the Board decline taking any order upon it.

A letter from Mr James B Longacre was read.

## Application for loan of pictures.

On motion resolved. That the Trustees of the Philad.<sup>a</sup> Museum Co in obedience to their charter, cannot comply with the request of Mr. James B. Longacre, to remove any of the portraits from the Building for the purpose of engraving, therefrom or for any

other use, but will cheerfully afford every facility and use of same, provided Mr Longacre can accomplish his intention within the rooms attached to the institution.

## Application for purchase of ancient coins

A letter from Mr James Parke on the subject of ancient coins was read.

On Motion Resolved. That the Manager be requested to inform Mr. Parke that the Museum is not in funds to accept of his proposition.

Order in favor of Daily Chron \$16.50 Paulson's bill referred to Treas<sup>r</sup>

Resolved that an order issue on the Treasurer in favor of Daily Chronicle 16.50

Resolved that the bill for Paulson's daily advertiser be referred to the Treasurer for examination.

Adjourned

(Signed) A. Summers, Sec. Pro. tem.

July 3, 1895.

Special Meeting.

Special Meeting Members present Mead, Eyster, Griffiths &amp; Griffith.

The President state the meeting was called in consequence of the following requisition addressed to him

Sir, Please call a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Co, at 7 O'clock on Saturday evening the 3<sup>d</sup> Inst at the usual place.

(Signed.) S.P. Griffiths; R. Sylesfeld Griffith

Object of S.P. Griffiths stated the object of the meeting to be the consideration of the annual report to Stockholders &c.

Report of Manager The report of the Manager accompanied with his a/c was read and adopted.

List of Donations The list of Donations was read and ordered to be filed.

Annual report The President presented the annual report to the Stockholders which was read and adopted.

Thanks to Capt Hays & Dr Moore The Secretary reported that he had attended to the duties assigned him as per resolution of the 16<sup>th</sup> October  
On Motion the unfinished business of the year was then <sup>taken</sup> brought up.

Employment counsel. Resolved. That the President & Secretary appointed on the 16<sup>th</sup> Jan'y last to consult counsel, be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

Professorships Resolved. That the subject of Professorships to be recommended to the attention of the next board.

Silver Medal to Capt Hays. Resolved. That the early attention of the next board be directed to the subject of the presentation of a Silver Medal to Capt Thomas Hays as per resolution of the 16<sup>th</sup> October.

On Motion Resolved that the subject of compensation to Manager for the past be taken up.

Compensation to Manager. Resolved that in consequence of the absence of the Treasurer and his neglect in not furnishing the necessary documents, that the present board cannot fix the per centage, and that the subject



<p>Order in favor J.M.Scott \$10.</p> <p>Important papers not in pos- session of Board of Trus- tees.</p> <p>List of dona- tions in 1894 to published.</p>	<p>be earnestly recommended to the attention of the next board.</p> <p>Resolved that an order be issued on the Treasurer in favor of J.M. Scott. Professional Services \$10.00</p> <p>Resolved, That the attention of the ensuing board be directed to the collection of all papers and documents belonging to the Philad<sup>a</sup> Mus. Co, it having been ascertained on examination that many important papers are not in possession of the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>Resolved that the Manager be instructed to have the list of Donations to the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum during the year 1894, published in such of the daily papers as are taken by the institution.</p> <p>The Minutes were read and adopted.</p>
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Adjourned  
R Eglesfield Griffith,  
Secretary

1835

Stated Meeting

January 5<sup>th</sup> 1835

Members present Messrs. James M. Brown, Rubens Peale, Andrew Sumners, Geo. Esquil Sellers, & Alfred Harrold.

James M. Brown was appointed Chairman

Alfred Harrold Secretary

Members of  
the Board

The Report of the Stockholders was read announcing that they had elected Messrs. James M. Brown, Rubens Peale, Andrew Sumners, Geo. E. Sellers, & Alfred Harrold Trustees for the ensuing year, ordered to be filed.

The Board then went into the election of Officers for the ensuing year. Rubens Peale teller, who reported that

Officers chosen  
by Board

James M. Brown was elected President

Andrew Sumners " Treasurer

Alfred Harrold " Secretary

Manager  
chosen

The Board then went into the election of Manager for the ensuing year, when Titian R. Peale was unanimously elected.

Compensation  
to the  
Manager.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be directed to pay to the said Manager agreeably to the second article of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter of the bye laws (if he will agree to accept the same) in compensation for his services, such P.Ct. on the acct amount paid by visitors to the Museum, as shall amount to the sum of Two Hundred & fifty dollars quarter yearly, and if at the end of said year, it shall be found that the Receipts from Visitors shall have exceeded the sum of \$5000  $\frac{00}{100}$  then he shall pay to the said Manager in addition to the said quarterly payments Ten P.Ct. on such excess.

Appointment  
of T.R. Peale  
to be made  
known to him.

Resolved that the Secretary be directed to communicate to Mr. Titian R. Peale his appointment, & the resolution of the Board relative to his compensation.

Committee to  
examine Treas-  
urer's &  
Manager's a/c.

Resolved. That Andrew Sumners, Alfred Harrold, & Geo. Esquil Sellers be a committee to examine the accounts of the late Treasurer & Manager and to make report thereon to the Board.

Advertisement  
of Officers  
of ye Board

Resolved, That the Manager be directed to Advertise in the daily papers taken by the Museum On a notice of the election of Trustees and of the Officers elected by them.

Stated Meetings	Resolved, That the stated meetings of this Board be on the third Thursday of each month at such time as the Board may appoint from time to time, and that until otherwise ordered that hour be 7. P.M.
Adjournment to what time	Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it adjourns to meet on Thursday the 8 <sup>th</sup> Inst. at 7 o'clock P.M.
Manager to report on Apparatus	Resolved, That the Manager be requested to Report to the Board of Trustees at a meeting to be held on Thursday evening the 8 <sup>th</sup> Inst. the state and condition of the various Apparatus belong to the Museum.
Approval of a paper relative to the views of Stockholders	A Paper containing the views of many of the Stockholders in relation to the conducting of the Museum was presented to the Board by Rubens Peale, & was on motion, read, approved & ordered to be filed.
Resolutions to be in writing	Resolved, That all resolutions submitted to this Board be in writing.
Adjournment.	Resolved. That this Board do now adjourn.

Alfred Harrold,  
Secretary

Adjourned Meeting	January 8 <sup>th</sup> 1835
Members present	Members present Messrs. Rubens Peale, Andrew Burners, Geo. B. Sellers & Alfred Harrold
3 Peale in r. chair	President being absent Mr Rubens Peale was called to the Chair
Resolution of "compensation" to the Manager reconsidered	The resolution past at the last meeting relative to the compensation to the Manager, was reconsidered and the following clause inserted after "\$5000," "And the expenses shall not have exceeded \$5000."
	The Minutes of the last meeting were then read & adopted.
	The Committee appointed to examine the account of John Bacon late Treasurer & the present Manager's account,
Report on the late Treasurers Account	Report "That they have examined the account of the late Treasurer and find it correct, & that he has handed over to the present Treasurer the balance remaining in his hands say Three Hundred & ten dollars 55/100. The account of the Manager has not yet been examined & the Committee beg to be continued"

Committee to be continued. Resolved that the above report be accepted & the Committee continued.

Managers Report on apparatus & c. A report of the Manager was read which was accepted

Committee to confer with Mr. Swain Resolved that a Committee be appointed to confer with Mr. Swain on the subject of obtaining a suitable building for the Museum.

Names of the Committee Resolved that the Committee for carrying into effect the foregoing resolution be Alfred Harold & Geo. H. Sellers

Manager to give his views on lighting entrances to Museum. Resolved That the Manager be requested to lay before the Board at the next Meeting, his views on the best & most tasty mode of lighting the entrances to the Museum.

Adjourned.

A Harold, Secy

Stated Meeting

January 15 1935

Members present Messrs. James H. Brown, Sangers, Sellers, & Harold.

The minutes of last meeting were read & adopted.

Managers a/c committee continued Resolved That the Committee appointed to examine the Managers' account be continued.

Committee on the conference with Mr. Swain cont. Resolved that the Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Swain be continued.

Managers Report The Manager made a report as required at the last meeting which was ordered to be filed.

Committee to light the front & back entrances to Museum. Resolved That Alfred Harold & Geo. H. Sellers be a committee to devise a plan for lighting the front & back of the Museum & to confer with the Manager & others if necessary on the best method of having the same carried into effect, as well as to make an estimate of the cost.

Exhibition of Magic lantern Resolved. That the Magic lantern be put in order for exhibition next week, & that the Electrical Machine with one Leyden jar & the Insulated Stand be placed in the Room for the use of Visitors.

Legal measures against J.H. Larkin. Resolved. That legal measures be taken as soon as practicable for the recovery of the claim against J. H. Larkin & that the President & Secretary be a Committee for that purpose.



Attest  
Anti-enter

Resolved. That the correspondence with H<sup>r</sup> Waring relative to an Anti-enter shall lie on the table

Resolved That this meeting do now adjourn till Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Inst.

Adjourned

A Harold Sec.

January 21 1835

Adjourned Meeting

Board met. Members present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Brown, Harold, S. E. Sellers & A Sumners

The minutes of last meeting were read & adopted.

Resolved That the Committee for examining the Manuscripts &c to be continued

The Committee for conferring with H<sup>r</sup> Babin reported progress & were continued

lighting front  
of the  
Museum

The Committee for lighting the Entrances to the Museum reported and were continued, the arrangements for lighting the front steps being in progress.

To pay White's  
Bill if  
necessary

Resolved That the President & Secretary have liberty if necessary, to order the payment of David White's Bill say \$31, 28/100.

Adjourned

A Harold Sec<sup>y</sup>

Special Meeting

February 7<sup>th</sup> 1835

Board met. Members present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Brown, S. E. Sellers & Alfred Harrold

The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted

The Committees referred to at the last meeting were continued

Object of  
the Meeting

The President stated the object of the present meeting to be for the serious consideration of the dilapidated State of the Building, & of the best means to be adopted to remedy the same.

Manager to  
report on the  
State of the  
Building

Resolved That the Manager be requested to report to this Board on the state of the Building & particularly of the Repairs and alterations which say in his opinion be necessary for the preservation of the property and the better accommodation of the Museum.

Manager to

Resolved. That the Manager be requested to furnish a Catalogue

give a Catalogue	of the article belonging to the Museum not now exhibited in their order, showing their present condition, and also the articles in a state of preparation, & to report what room will be required for their exhibition.
Manager to report when his statement is ready.	Resolved That the Manager be requested to notify the Secretary when his report shall be ready on the foregoing resolutions. That a special meeting be called to consider the same.
Manager to give the names of persons employed about the Museum	Resolved That the Manager be requested to report to the Board the names of the persons employed in the Museum under his direction & their respective compensations & perquisites if any
	Resolved That the Manager be requested to report to the Board any vices which he may entertain of any other measures necessary to be adopted for furthering the interests of this Institution.
	Adjourned A Harrold Sec <sup>y</sup>
	Special Meeting February 12th 1835
Present	Members present James M. Brown, A Harrold, Andrew Sumners & J. Escol Sellers
	Minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted
Object of the Meeting	The object of this meeting was to consider the Report required at the last meeting.
Managers Report	A Report was then received & read from the Manager relative to the resolutions made at the meeting of the Board on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Inst., ordered to lie on the Table
Motion to draw up a communi- cation to the Arcade Co to Arcade Co	Resolved that the President be requested to draw up a communication to the Arcade Comp <sup>y</sup> on the subjects mentioned in the Managers report relative to the state of the Building & c Adjourned A Harrold Sec <sup>y</sup>
	Stated Meeting Feb <sup>r</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> 1835
	Members present James M. Brown, Geo Escol Sellers, A Harrold & Andrew Sumners
	Minutes of last meeting were read & adopted
	The Committee were continued

The constitution is read, & the Arcade Co.  
 The President presented a communication for the Arcade Co.  
 as the state of the Building in accordance with the request  
 made at the last meeting which was read approved and ordered  
 to be communicated to the Arcade Coop.  
 Manager's report  
 A Report from the Manager was Read, which was accepted and  
 ordered to be filed.  
 L. Paale:  
 Letter about Harrington  
 The Secretary submitted a letter to the Board from F<sup>r</sup> Har-  
 rington the Ventriloquist. Ordered to lie on the table.  
 Resolved, That G. Esco! Sellers & Andrew Summers be a Com-  
 mittee in conjunction with the Manager to receive Mr Harring-  
 ton & to confer with him on the matters mentioned in the let-  
 ter from M<sup>r</sup> Rubens Paale.  
 Order to pay  
 \$2. 41/100 to  
 S.P. Griffiths  
 Resolved, That an order be drawn in favour of S.P. Griffiths  
 for \$2. 41/100 being the Protest & exchange of Landis note.  
 Adjourned. A Harrold Sec<sup>y</sup>

Special Meeting  
 March 2<sup>th</sup> 1835  
 Members present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Broom, Harrold, Sellers & Andrew  
 Summers  
 Object of Meet-  
 ing  
 The President stated the Object of the meeting was to decide  
 upon the future remuneration of F<sup>r</sup> Harrington.  
 Report  
 The Manager presented a report showing the proceeds of the  
 two first weeks of Mr Harrington's engagement, & giving an  
 outline of the agreement entered into with that Gentleman;  
 the Report was Read and  
 Remuneration  
 to Mr  
 Harrington  
 Resolved That at present it is expedient to continue F<sup>r</sup> Har-  
 rington on the same terms as those of the two past weeks  
 Subscription  
 to Philad<sup>a</sup>  
 Gazette  
 Resolved that the Manager be requested to subscribe to the  
 Philadelphia Gazette, both for that Paper & for Advertisements  
 the rate of Subscription to be left to his discretion  
 Adjourned. A Harrold Sec<sup>y</sup>

March 19<sup>th</sup> 1835  
 Stated Meeting  
 Members present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Andrew Summers, G. E. Sellers & A  
 Harrold  
 The President being absent Andrew Summers was called to the

Chair

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & adopted.

The several Committees were ordered to be continued.

Report The Manager presented a Report which was received read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The President being absent the Board were unable to tell whether any communication had been received from the Arcade Comp<sup>y</sup> & other business of importance requiring the attention of the Meeting.

Adjourned. A Harrold Sec<sup>y</sup>

Special Meeting Philad<sup>a</sup> Mar 24<sup>th</sup> 1835

Present James W. Brown, Alfred Harrold, Andrew Summers, C. B. Sellers.

Minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.

Object of Meeting The President said the object of this meeting was to consider the propriety of engaging D<sup>r</sup> Weldon to exhibit his Hydro Oxygen Microscope and also to confer on an offer made to erect a new building for the Museum in front of the Masonic Hall.

Report The Manager presented a report which was read & ordered to be filed.

The various Committees were ordered to be continued.

A letter received from D<sup>r</sup> Weldon was read & ordered to lie on the Table.

Manager sent to New York to confer with Dr Weldon Resolved That the Manager be instructed to go to New York and confer with D<sup>r</sup> Weldon on the subject of his letter and also to ascertain whether it would be advantageous to the Museum for to engage his exhibition & on what terms such engagement could be made.

Committee appointed to investigate the offer of lot opposite Masonic Hall Resolved, That the Reports of the Manager respecting the accommodation of the Museum in the new Building contemplated to be erected on the Masonic Hall lot at the last & present meetings, be committed to the Committee appointed 5<sup>th</sup> day of January last to confer with E<sup>r</sup> Swain, with instructions to confer with the proprietors on the subject either personally or through the agency of others.

Adjourned

A Harrold Sec<sup>y</sup>



## Special Meeting

Philadelphia April 25<sup>th</sup> 1835

Present James B. Urean, A Harrold, Rubens Peale & Esquil Sellers  
(Note. The stated quarterly meeting, not being held in consequence of the unavoidable absence of some of the Trustees, this Meeting was called) AM.

Minutes of last meeting were read & adopted

The Manager presented a report and list of donations for the last quarter which were read and ordered to be filed.

Report

Mr Welden  
engaged

Resolved That the Manager be requested to engage Mr Welden on the terms specified in his report.

Managers a/c

Resolved That the accounts of the Manager now presented to the Meeting be left to the examination & consideration of the Committee of a/c's appointed January 3<sup>th</sup> 1835

Resolved That the Committee appointed March 24<sup>th</sup> with reference to the New Buildings contemplated to be erected in front of the Masonic Hall be discharged, having reported "That from the best information they have been able to obtain no sale as yet been made of the Masonic Hall Property as contemplated at the time of their appointment, and the Manager not feeling himself at liberty to communicate the names of the Persons who were expected to make said purchase, the Committee have not had it in their power to make any arrangements prospective or otherwise."

Committee on,  
the New Hall  
opposite Ma-  
sonic Hall,  
Report

Motion to  
enquire into  
the State of  
the Property  
of Museum  
R. Peale, Com<sup>r</sup>

Resolved, That Rubens Peale be appointed a Committee to examine the state of the Property of this Comp<sup>y</sup> and report whether any & what changes are necessary in the Specimens for Exhibition & what is to be done for their more complete preservation if anything, & what specimens are required in addition to those now in exhibition & how & when the same can be obtained, & report what may be necessary to be done for the completion & exhibition of the property not now arranged for exhibition or any part thereof, and that the Manager be directed to furnish y<sup>r</sup> Committee with an Inventory of the unexhibited property of this Comp<sup>y</sup> to the present time & to give each aid as may be requisite to carry this resolution into effect without delay.

Adjourned A Harrold Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Stated Meeting. Philad<sup>a</sup> May 22, 1835

Present James H. Brown, C. E. Sellers, Alfred Harrold & Andrew Summers.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & adopted

Report

The Manager presented a report which was read & ordered to be filed

The Committee were ordered to be continued

Relative to various requests for permission to copy the Portraits belonging to the Museum

Applications from S. Gallerton, Paul B. Goddard and Thomas B. Cullen in behalf of the Academy of Natural Sciences and of James Keyser of New York for the privilege of taking copies of several portraits in the Museum having been read & considered it was on motion

Resolved That the numerous applications which have been made for taking copies of the Portraits belonging to the Museum Com<sup>y</sup> have made it necessary for the Board of Trustees to take some general order in regard to them and that the further consideration of the applications now submitted be postponed until the next stated Meeting.

Resolved further That a copy of the foregoing resolution be communicated to the several applicants

Bills to be paid

5.75  
22.37  
13.75  
\$42.87/100

Resolved That Rob<sup>t</sup> Hoopes bill \$5.75 - Keyser & Langstrothe bill \$22.37/100 and also Desilver & Thomas bill \$13.75/100 be paid & the necessary orders drawn. ---

Adjourned & Harrold Sec<sup>y</sup>

#### Special Meeting

Philad<sup>a</sup> June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1835

Present James H. Brown, Rufus Peale, C. E. Sellers, & Andrew Sum<sup>r</sup> (A Harrold being) out of the City, C. Esel Sellers appointed Sec<sup>y</sup> Pro<sup>tem</sup>

See the last Resolution made at this meeting

Preamble

Preamble & Resolution, of the Trustees, of the Philadel<sup>a</sup> Museum.

The Trustees as well as the Stockholders of the Institution have for a long time felt the necessity of removing from the Buildings now occupied by them, seeing to the insufficient accommodation it affords, the leaky state of the roof, which has caused considerable damage to their collection, and the unfavor-

able character of the Locality, - all tending to the prejudice of the Museum. The Trustees have long been impressed with the necessity of procuring more suitable accommodations, but various difficulties have hitherto prevented any arrangement with other companies or individuals; & the want of Funds, adequate to so great an object, cannot be supplied from the ordinary source of income. It has now become imperatively necessary that some arrangements for accommodation shall be made, not only for the reasons above stated, but in consequence of the Arcade being offered for Sale, and the Trustees having received notice to give possession. - Therefore --

Resolution

Resolved - That it has become necessary for the Philadelphia Museum Company to raise funds for the purpose of procuring a suitable Lot and to erect buildings fully adequate for the purpose of the Institution

Resolved That in order to procure aid from the enlightened portion of the Citizens, inducements should be offered them to become Patrons of the Institution.

Resolved That all the advantages of the Institution shall be offered to the Public at such reasonable rates as to insure their support.

Resolved That a Gentleman or Lady, subscribing fifty dollars, shall be entitled for life to a Ticket of free admission for self & the immediate domestic family of which he or she is the Head to the Lecture Library & Museum day & night, but this shall not extend to keepers of Hotels, Boarding Houses or Schools.

Resolved - That a Subscriber of Thirty dollars shall be entitled during life to all the advantages of the Museum and if a Gentleman to have the privilege of introducing with him a lady - & if a Lady to introduce with herself a Friend at any visit

Resolved - That Subscribers of Twenty dollars shall be entitled to all the advantages of the Museum during their lifetimes.

Resolved - That the Museum shall be kept open for its Patron Subscribers and the Public every day & evening except Sundays, and be be splendidly illuminated in the evenings, properly ventilated in the Summer & kept warm during the Winter.

Resolved That Ephraim Paolo & Eschel Sellers be a Committee to draft an address to the Public & by all means in their Power to carry the above resolutions into effect

Adjourned, - E Sellers Sec<sup>y</sup> Pres: tem

Stated Meeting (mon<sup>th</sup>) June 18<sup>th</sup> 1835 Philadelphia

It being understood by the Trustees that they would be unable to meet on this day, the Meeting was appointed to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst. - A Harrold, Sec<sup>y</sup>

Postponed Stated Meeting Philadelphia June 20<sup>th</sup> 1835

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> James H. Brown, A Harrold & G. E. Sellers, A. S. Kimball of the last meeting were read & adopted

Report The Manager presented a Report which was handed to the President with a letter from Prince Cas<sup>o</sup> de Weid, with a request that he would confer with the Manager on the same & on other subjects arising out of their consideration

Managers a/c Past, The Committee appointed to examine the Managers accounts reported them to be correct, whereupon they were ordered to be received & filed. -

Building Com. Resolved - That Alfred Harrold & G. E. Sellers be a Committee to confer with any individuals, Committee or others on the subject of a Building for the Location of the Museum

Order for \$55 to Brown for Subscriptions Resolved - That an order be drawn on the Treasurer for fifty five dollars to be paid E<sup>t</sup> Brown for A on a/c of the subscriptions collected by him according to the Resolution of June 2<sup>nd</sup> last. Adjourned. A Harrold Sec<sup>y</sup>

Stated Meeting Philadelphia July 17. 1835

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> James H. Brown, Alfred Harrold, G Eschel Sellers.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and adopted

The Manager presented a Report which was read and ordered to be filed.

The Manager also presented his quarterly accounts

Resolved that the various accounts submitted by the Manager be left to the consideration of The Committee on a/c



\$100.00 to  
the Manager  
for an expedi-  
tion

Resolved that One Hundred Dollars be paid to the Manager for the purpose of obtaining specimens for the Museum & for the other purposes mentioned in his reports of this day & to the last Meeting of the Board,

notes to be paid  
6.00  
5.50  
29.00  
112.00  
512.50

Resolved That the following accounts be paid and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various accounts Vist Jos<sup>d</sup>. B Chandler of the U.S. Gazette \$6.00/100 - U<sup>s</sup> Very Nat<sup>l</sup> Gazette \$5.00/100 Jasper Harding Inquirer Paper \$29.00/100 & also One Hundred & twelve Dollars for Paulsons Daily Advertiser, left unpaid for advertising in, & for the paper since Jan<sup>y</sup> 1st, 1831 & up to July 1<sup>st</sup> @ \$25.00 pr Annum.

The President reported that he had conferred with the Manager as directed at the last Meeting & was continued on that committee

Resolved That Two Hundred Thousand Dollars be borrowed for the purpose of purchasing a lot & erecting a suitable building for the accommodation of the Museum, and for the advantageous use & occupation of such parts thereof as may not be required for the present occupation of the Museum, upon the security of the said lot & building and other Property of the Museum Comp<sup>y</sup> and that Rubens Peale, C. Escol Sellers, & Alfred Harrold, be a Committee to negotiate the terms thereof subject to the approval of the Board. -  
Adjourned. & Harrold Sec<sup>y</sup>

Special Meeting Philadelphia August 4<sup>th</sup> 1835  
Present. M<sup>r</sup> Rubens Peale, Alfred Harrold, C. E. Sellers, & Andrew Sumners. M<sup>r</sup> Peale was appointed President Pres Tans in the room of James M. Proctor Esq<sup>u</sup> absent from the City  
Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved. -  
It was stated from the Chair that this meeting was called to receive the report of the Committee on the Loan -  
The said Committee for negotiating a Loan of \$200,000 offered the following preamble & Resolution, for the consideration of the Board which were read as follows Vist:  
"At a meeting of the Trustees of "The Philadelphia Museum Company" held in the fourth day of August 1835., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

7. 2-

Whereas, it has become unavoidably necessary either to pack up and store away for safe keeping many valuable Articles belonging to the - "Philadelphia Museum Company" or to obtain more commodious and suitable accommodations for their beneficial exhibitions; and Whereas, by the act incorporating, "The Philadelphia Museum Company" passed the first day of February 1821, they are made competent and capable, in law and equity, to take and to hold, to them and their Successors, for the use of the said Museum, and tenements, hereditaments, goods and chattels, of whatsoever kind, nature, or quality, real personal or mixed, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise, or bequest from any person or persons whomsoever capable of making the same, and the same from time to time to grant, bargain, sell, devise, alien, or dispose of, for the use of the said Museum, and to rent, purchase or erect, such building or place of exhibition as may be necessary; and generally to do all and singular the matters and things which shall be lawful for them to do for the wellbeing of the said Museum, and the due management and ordering the affairs thereof:"

Therefore Resolved, That "The Philadelphia Museum Company," will receive a loan of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, as such part thereof as may be required for the purpose of obtaining ample and elegant accommodations for the display of the Museum on the terms hereinafter stated, the sums received on the said loan, to be exclusively appropriated to the payment for the lots on Chestnut Street, and to the erecting thereon of a building according to the plan exhibited. The loan to consist of shares of One Hundred Dollars each, twenty five Dollars on each to be paid at the time of Subscribing, and the residue in such installments and at such times as shall be required by the Trustees of "The Philadelphia Museum Company" and all sums paid shall bear an interest of five and a half per centum per Annum from the time of such payment. If any subscriber shall neglect or refuse the payment of the installments due upon the share or shares subscribed by him for more than sixty days after the same shall be required to be paid by the Trustees of "The Philadelphia Museum Company" the moneys theretofore paid on the said share or

shares shall be considered as forfeited for the benefit of "The Philadelphia Museum Company" and the subscriber of the share or shares as aforesaid or refusing shall have no claim for the reimbursement thereof. On the completion of the last payment, or of the full sum of One Hundred Dollars on each share or of such part thereof as may be required for the purposes herein mentioned, certificates signed by the President of "The Philadelphia Museum Company" and countersigned by their Secretary, with the Seal of the said Company thereto annexed, shall be delivered to the Subscribers respectively for each share by him subscribed, which certificates shall entitle each Subscriber or his legal attorneys or assigns, to an interest thereon at the rate of five and a half per centum per annum, to be paid half yearly, and shall be severally transferable by the Subscribers or their legal attorney or assigns at the office of "The Philadelphia Museum Company" and shall not be redeemable before the first day of July 1896. At the time of delivering the aforesaid certificates "The Philadelphia Museum Company" shall pay to each holder the interest accruing on his respective payments to the date of each certificate - which certificates shall be in the following form:

Philadelphia Museum Loan

Dollars

Be it remembered, that there is due from The Philadelphia Museum Company unto \_\_\_\_\_ or assigns, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars for \_\_\_\_\_ shares of stock bearing interest at five and a half per centum per annum, from the first day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ inclusively, payable half yearly, created in pursuance of a resolution of the Trustees of "The Philadelphia Museum Company" passed on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 1895, the principal is redeemable on the first day of July 1896, and is transferable only at the office of "Philadelphia Museum Company" by appearance in person or by legal attorney. For the payment of the Stock and the accruing interest all the property real and personal to "The Philadelphia Museum Company" is pledged free and clear of all incumbrances by deeds or conveyance to

Isaac Elliot and others, the Trustees and Stockholders of the "Philadelphia Museum Company" and being personally and in their individual capacity liable therefor.



In testimony whereof this certificate is Signed by the President of the Trustees of "The Philadelphia Museum Company" attested by their Secretary, and the seal of the same corporation affixed this       day of       in the year of our Lord 1935

As soon as the Loan is subscribed, or so much thereof as the Trustees of the "Philadelphia Museum Company" shall require, they shall call a meeting of the Subscribers who shall elect five persons of their number who in conjunction with the five Trustees of "The Philadelphia Museum Company" shall be a Board of Managers of the Philadelphia Museum Loan, for one year from the first day of January next until a new Board shall be elected, and in the first Monday in January 1896 and in the first Monday in January in each succeeding year until the entire payment of the aforesaid Loan, the Stockholders of the loan in like manner shall elect five persons who with the five Trustees of "The Philadelphia Museum Company" for the time being shall have power to choose out of their own number a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, (of the latter of whose adequate security shall be required) and adopt from time to time, such means not inconsistent

with the provisions of the present plan as they may think proper for the increase, security, application and management, of the funds to be derived from the real property pledged to secure the payment of the Loan and the interest thereon. In all elections, and in all questions submitted to them, the Loan holders may vote personally, or by proxy, each share being entitled to one vote.

An instrument in the nature of a mortgage shall be made to       in trust for the security of the subscribers to the Loan, pledging the said lot & premises free and clear of all incumbrances with the annual rents and income thereon, together with all the articles belonging to



"The Philadelphia Museum Company" in the most legal and effect-  
 tual manner for the payment of the aforesaid Loan with interest  
 in the manner hereinafter mentioned. The Treasurer of the Loan  
 shall, directly receive all the rents from the Stores, and other  
 parts of the building and premises, and the interest of the Loan  
 shall be paid through him, and whenever the said rents are more  
 than sufficient, to pay the accruing interest on the Loan, the  
 Surplus shall constitute a Sinking fund, under the Direction of  
 the Board of Managers of the "Philadelphia Museum Company" shall  
 pay the amount of such deficiency into the hands of the Treasurer  
 of the Trustees of the Loan. The principal sum of said Loan  
 shall be paid to the Stockholders or their legal representatives  
 on the first day of July 1876.

Edward M Biddle, Isaac Elliott, George F Sellers and Alfred  
 Harrold shall be commissioners for the disposing of the Loan, by  
 public advertisement or in such other manner, as they may deem  
 most expedient, upon the terms and conditions above set forth.  
 Isaac Elliott shall be Treasurer of the Commissioners of the  
 Loan, and receive all moneys paid on Subscriptions thereto, which  
 shall remain in his hands subject to the order of the Building  
 Committee, except so much thereof as may be required for the  
 payment of the purchase money for the lots.

The Commissioners shall procure a Book or Books, in which the  
 present plan shall be written, and subjoined thereto, shall be  
 entered the following engagement. We whose names are here-  
 unto subscribed do promise to pay to "The Philadelphia Museum  
 Company" the sum of One Hundred Dollars, for every share in the  
 Museum Loan set opposite to our respective names, in the manner,  
 and upon the terms set forth in the plan of the said Loan as  
 set forth.

Witnessed our hands this                      day of                      18\_\_

According to the plan there will be 8 stores fronting on Chest-  
 nut Street with conveniences of cellars water closets, &c. They  
 will be each 16 feet wide in the clear and 65 feet in depth,  
 fully lighted in rear and front

Their number and uniformity of appearance, will add something to the value of each, and the Museum will assist in making them favorable stands for Fancy Stores. The westernmost store connected with the Saloon and Garden will be rented together.

There will be a public lecture room 6 feet by 83, a Pantheon of 63 feet square and a Diorama room of the same dimensions - We have taken much pains to ascertain what rent can be obtained for the Pantheon and Diorama Rooms, and have ascertained by inquiry and comparison what a public lecture room of similar dimensions would probably produce in a year, and are convinced, that the annual rents to be derived from the Stores and the several rooms will be more than sufficient to pay the interest on the Loan.

In addition thereto the receipts of the Museum will probably greatly exceed what they have been heretofore - The Museum room will be 147 feet on Chestnut Street, the Wing extending back 146 feet, the whole room to be 60 feet wide and 30 feet high, a gallery supported by pillars extending around the whole - under the Skylight there will be a picture gallery of 60 feet square - There will be a private lecture room for the use of the Museum of a large size; with preparing rooms &c.

The accommodations will be extensive, and the general appearance inviting and perhaps the receipts of the Museum, if nothing was allowed to the owners, would of themselves pay the interest on the Loan. We have taken from the Books of the Museum when it was in the State House the actual receipts for 10 years, and the average income during that time exceeded \$8000 a year thus

In the year 1810, the receipts were \$8580.90

1811	"	"	"	8645.45
1812	"	"	"	7416.62
1813	"	"	"	7600.50
1814	"	"	"	6737.50

In the year 1815 " " " 49905.00

1816	"	"	"	11974.30
1817	"	"	"	8232.50

In the year 1812 the receipts were \$8411.25  
 1819 " " " 6046.75

The first year it was removed to the Arcade it produced the sum of \$11,038.78 since when it has not been so profitable, during the last six months however, from the first of January to the first of July, the receipts were \$5,053.30.

Its present location is inconvenient - many articles cannot be exhibited for want of room. The manager stated to the Trustees of the Museum, in his report of July 1835, that the value of the articles not then exhibited, exceeded \$30,000.

The Museum itself is of great value - a few years before the death of the late Mr Charles Willson Peale, he was offered by a foreign Museum \$100,000 for the Philadelphia Museum. It has increased greatly in value since; and in the year 1832, one of the Directors of the British Museum, in a consultation with one of the present Trustees of the Philadelphia Museum, estimated its present value at \$150,000 intimating at the same time, that the British Museum would give that sum for it.

It was the intention of the founder Mr Charles Willson Peale, that it should not be removed from the City of Philadelphia, and he procured the act of Incorporation, for the purpose of carrying the intention into effect.

The present plan will secure to it a permanent location in Philadelphia, with such extensive associations, as will place its future prosperity beyond all doubt.

Donations of great value have been made to it, and are continually being made, of rare and interesting articles, from all parts of the world, and we believe that these donations will greatly increase in number and value, when the Museum shall be permanently established.

Resolved that the above preamble & resolutions be printed, & that the Committee be directed to carry the same into effect without delay.

There being no further business, before the Board

A. Journal

A. Harrod Secy

## Special Meeting

Philadelphia August 12<sup>th</sup> 1835

Members present Jas. F. Broom, H. Peale, A. Sumners, & G. E. Sellers

Minutes of the last meeting were adopted

Andrew Sumners  
resignation

A Sumners handed in his resignation as Trustee of the Philadelphia Museum Comp.<sup>y</sup> which was accepted.

Mr Henry Troth  
elected  
Trustee

On Motion Resolved that the Board proceed to the Election of a Trustee to supply the place of Andrew Sumners resigned whereupon G. E. Sellers nominated Henry Troth, & no other person being nominated the Board proceeded to an election and Henry Troth was declared to be unanimously elected.

Resolved that an order be drawn in favor of Jacob F. Broom for eighty three dollars in full for commission for collecting life subscriptions & donations to the date as per list & account filed

Adjourned G.E. Sellers Sec<sup>y</sup> pro tem

## Special Meeting

Philadelphia August 14<sup>th</sup> 1835

Present Henry Troth, Alfred Harrold & G.E. Sellers.

The President being absent H<sup>ry</sup> Troth was appointed President pro tem.

Minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted

Resolved That the compensation to be made to Jacob F. Broom & others for collecting life subscriptions & donations, be reduced to One Dollar, for every new subscriber instead of the 5% Commission before allowed them.

Alteration of  
terms of the  
Loan

The Trustees of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Co. on mature consideration & further enquiry, find that it will be expedient to alter the interest and term of the proposed Loan of \$200,000 authorized by the Board on 4<sup>th</sup> August Inst. Therefore

Resolved that the interest to be allowed on the loan of \$200,000 be increased to 6% instead of remaining at 5 pr % as at first agreed to; and also that the limit for the payment of the loan be 15 years instead of 20 years.

To advertise  
for proposals  
for a loan.

Resolved, that the Commissioners of the Loan be directed to advertise for proposals for the loan according to the provisions of the foregoing resolution.

Adjourned A. Harrold Sec<sup>y</sup>



Special Meeting

Philadelphia September 27<sup>th</sup> 1835

Present Messrs. James M. Brown, G. Escol Sellers & Alfred Harrold  
Minutes of last meeting were read & adopted

2 Stated Meetings omitted  
no quorum.

The Secretary remarked that the two last periods for the stated meetings of the Board were suffered to pass without having the Trustees assembled, in consequence of the illness & absence of members of the Board, which prevented a quorum on those occasions.

Loan in progress

The Committee on the loan reported that that business was in progress & were ordered to be continued.

G.E. Sellers elected the Treasurer

It was stated that the principal object of the present meeting was to elect a Treasurer in the Room of the late one M<sup>r</sup> Andrew Sumner, whereupon M<sup>r</sup> G. Escol Sellers was proposed, & no other candidate being nominated it was

Resolved unanimously that M<sup>r</sup> G. Escol Sellers should be Treasurer of the Philadelphia Museum Comp<sup>y</sup> & he is hereby appointed to fill said vacancy. - Adjourned A Harrold Sec<sup>y</sup>

Stated Meeting

Philadelphia October 15<sup>th</sup> 1835

Present James M. Brown, Alfred Harrold & G. E. Sellers

The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted

Henry Troth resignation

A communication was received from M<sup>r</sup> Henry Troth tendering his resignation as Trustee of the Philadelphia Museum Company which resignation was accepted

The Manager presented his Statement of the Quarterly a/c. & also a report - The accounts were referred to the standing committee of accounts and the Report was ordered to lie on the Table

The Committees were ordered to be continued

Balance on hand \$1595.57

The Treasurer made up his report to this day, & presented it to the Board, shewing in his hands \$1595. 57/100 This account was ordered to be filed.

Report of donations &c.

The Manager presented a list of Donations & Deposits made in the Museum during the last quarter which was ordered to be filed & it was further ordered that the list of Donations and that of the preceding quarter should be published by the Manager in the usual manner.

	The Manager presented a Mes <sup>d</sup> of an agreement with the Virginia Deaf & which was approved of.
Election of Dr. Patterson as Trustee	On Motion resolved that the Board proceed to the Election of a Trustee to supply the vacancy caused by the resignation of M <sup>r</sup> Henry Treth - Whereupon Geo Escol Sellers nominated Rob <sup>t</sup> M. Patterson, Esq <sup>r</sup> of this City, and on other persons being named the Board proceeded to an Election & thereupon Robt M Patterson was unanimously elected a Trustee to supply said vacancy
	Adjourned A Harrold Sec <sup>y</sup>
	Stated Meeting Philadelphia November 19 <sup>th</sup> 1835
	Present James M Broom D <sup>r</sup> Robt M. Patterson. George Escol Sellers & A Harrold
	The Manager presented a report and sundry letters which were read & ordered to be filed
Locomotive returned	Resolved that the Manager be instructed to receive the Locomotive Engine on the terms of M <sup>r</sup> J. B. Lardins letter
	Resolved that the Manager be requested to inform M <sup>r</sup> Harrington that the Trustees are not at present prepared to enter into any engagement with him
H. Patterson a Committee on Lectures &c	Resolved That, D <sup>r</sup> Robert M. Patterson be a Committee to confer with the Manager on that part of the Report of the latter, relative to the Lecture Room, & the propriety of Lecturing therein & to report thereon to the Board.
Determined to amend the Charter	It having been deemed necessary for the interests of the Institution that the existing Charter of the Philadelphia Museum Company should be altered and amended, therefore
Mr Broom appointed to draft Memorial & Supplementary Act	Resolved, that James M. Broom be a Committee to Draft a Memorial to both Houses of the Legislature, and to frame a supplementary act of Incorporation, both of which to be subject to the consideration and approval of the Board of Trustees, - Adjourned
	A Harrold Sec <sup>y</sup>
	Special Meeting. Philadelphia Novem <sup>r</sup> 23. 1835
Call to receive report of Mr Broom	On the call of the President to receive his report on the proposed Memorial & Supplementary act of Incorporation

Present, James N. Brown, D<sup>r</sup>, Rob<sup>t</sup> M. Patterson, George Escol  
Sellers & Alfred Harrold

Memorial & New  
Act read to the  
Board & approved

Committee  
of whole to  
obtain the Act

The President presented for the approval of the Board a Draft  
of a Memorial to both Houses of the Legislature of the State  
of Pennsylvania, & also a Supplement to the present Charter of  
Incorporation of the Philadelphia Museum Comp<sup>y</sup> both of which  
documents were read & adopted & copies ordered to be made, &  
measures taken to bring the matter early before the Legislature,  
& the Board resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to  
effect that object.

Adjourned

A Harrold Sec<sup>y</sup>

Special Meeting Philadelphia Decem<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1835

On the call of the President was held at his house this day -  
Present the President, M<sup>r</sup> Sellers & D<sup>r</sup> Patterson

progress of the  
New Act

A letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> Inst from D<sup>r</sup> Spaulman was presented  
from which it appeared that the Memorial of the Museum Company  
had been presented to the House of Representatives, and appro-  
priately referred.

President ap-  
pointed to  
correspond on  
the subject  
of the Bill.

The President was requested to conduct the necessary cor-  
respondence with the Members of the Legislature, while the  
application for the new Charter was before them; He was also  
authorized to call upon the Manager for any such information as  
might be needful or useful to him in this correspondence.

H. Troth & R. A.  
Parrish go to  
Harrisburg to  
expedite matters

Resolved that H<sup>r</sup> Henry Troth & M<sup>r</sup> Robert A. Parrish be re-  
spectfully & earnestly requested to proceed to Harrisburg in  
order to aid in procuring the passage of the Bill Supplemen-  
tary Act of Incorporation, and that while there they correspond  
with the President, & inform him from time to time of their  
progress.

& their ex-  
penses to be  
defrayed

Resolved that the expenses of these Gentlemen be discharged  
from the funds of the Museum.

Rent due, to  
be paid & also  
Commission for  
Subscriptions

Resolved that the President & Secretary be requested to  
draw an order on the Treasurer for the payment of the Rent of  
the Museum now due, and for the payment of the Commission of  
3% m<sup>o</sup>t. due on the collection of Subscriptions for the benefit



of the Museum now presented to the board, the said amount of subscriptions, being Five hundred & twenty dollars.

Adjourned

signed - R. M. Patterson

Secretary Pro. Tem.

Special Meeting

Philadelphia Decem<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1834<sup>d</sup>

Members present

Members of the Board present James M. Brown, Alfred Harrold D<sup>r</sup> Patterson, D. Esauel Bellara,

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & adopted & the Committees were continued.

Managers Report

The Manager presented a report which was read and ordered to be filed.

Letter from Mr Harrington the Ventriloquist

A Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Harrington was presented by the Manager, whereupon it was resolved that the Manager be instructed to inform M<sup>r</sup> Harrington that the Trustees of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Comp<sup>y</sup> are not prepared to enter into any engagement with him at present

Treasurers' report

The Treasurer reported that the Balance in his hands belonging to the Institution remained the same as reported on the 15<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> last.

Pay H. Troth \$20.00

Resolved - That an order be drawn by the President on the Treasurer for Twenty Dollars in favour of Henry Troth for his expenses at Harrisburg

Thanks of Board to Messrs Troth & Parrish

Resolved - That the thanks of this Board be presented to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Henry Troth & Rob<sup>t</sup> A. Parrish for their earnest and successful exertions in procuring the supplementary Charter recently granted to the Museum Comp<sup>y</sup> by the Legislature of Penn<sup>a</sup>, & which so greatly enlarges the Powers and advances the prospects of the Institution

Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Stockholders

Resolved - That the Manager give notice in two daily Newspapers, that the Annual meeting of the Stockholders will be held at the Museum on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 1836 at 3 PM. at which time the Supplement to the Charter will be submitted & that an Election will be held for 9 Directors to conduct the affairs of the Institution

Adjourned till Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1836 - 7 o'clock P.M

A Harrold, Sec<sup>y</sup>



Adjourned Meeting Philadelphia Jan<sup>y</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1836

The Board met, present Jas<sup>s</sup> M. Broome, D<sup>r</sup> Patterson, Rubens Peale, Alfred Harrold, Geo<sup>d</sup> Escol Sellers.

Managers Report &c. The Manager presented his Report, a list of donations & deposits & Statement of the years accounts, the report and list were read & ordered to be filed, the Accounts were referred to the Committee on a/c<sup>o</sup>

32<sup>88</sup>/100 to R. A. Parrish Resolved that an order be drawn on the Treasurer by the President for Thirty-two dollars, 88/100 in favour of Rob<sup>t</sup> A. Parrish being the amount of expenses incurred by him at Harrisburg while endeavouring to facilitate the passage of the new Supplement to the Act of Incorporation of the Phila<sup>a</sup> Museum Co..

335.74/100 paid to R. A. Peale for additional compensation Resolved - That 10 Percent, or Three Thousand Three Hundred & fifty one dollars, 72/100 or Three Hundred & thirty five dollars 7/100 be paid to the Manager Titian R. Peale, by an order of the President on the Treasurer, being the full amount of "additional compensation" due to him pursuant to a Resolution of the Board made at the Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1835.-

Adjourned till 14th Jan. 2. o'clock. Resolved that this meeting do adjourn till Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January Inst. 2 o'clock P.M. - Adjourned - A. Harrold Sec<sup>y</sup>

Adjourned Meeting Philad<sup>a</sup> January 4<sup>th</sup> 1835  
Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> James M. Broome, Alfred Harrold Rubens Peale & G. E. Sellers

Report on the Treasurers a/c<sup>o</sup> The Committee on accounts reported that they had examined the annual statement of the accounts of the Treasurer & found it correct, whereupon it was received and approved of.

Report on the Managers a/c The same Committee reported that they had examined the annual & two last quarters accounts of the Manager, and found them correct as far as could be ascertained; the accounts were then received & it was

a/c of the Treasurer & Manager to be laid before the Stockholders Resolved that the Annual accounts of the Treasurer & Manager be laid before the Stockholders of the Museum for their consideration at the annual meeting convened this day.

Report of the State of the affairs of Museum & Copy of The President read to the Board a report of the present status resources, & prospects of the Philadelphia Museum, & presented a Copy just received of the new Supplementary act of Incorporation, - the Report was approved, & with the Supplementary act ordered

New Supplemen-  
tary Act for  
the Stockholders

Adjourned -  
sine die

to be laid before the Stockholders of the Institution

The Board then adjourned

Alfred Harrold

Secretary.

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January 7<sup>th</sup> 1896First meeting  
of Directors

The first Meeting of the Directors of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Company listed under the new Charter was held at the Museum, present,

Mess<sup>rs</sup> James M. Brown, E. M. Patterson, George B. Sellers, Nathan Dunn, John E Kane, Robert A Parrish Joseph Cowperthwait and Franklin Peale.

Mr Brown was called to the chair and F Peale appointed Sec<sup>y</sup> The Report of the Stated Annual Meeting of Shareholders was read, from which it appeared that they had accepted the Supplement to the Charter recently granted by the Legislature of the State, as it will be found annexed to this Minutes, and had under its provisions elected the following gentlemen Directors for the ensuing year.

James M. Brown  
E. M. Patterson  
George B. Sellers  
Franklin Peale  
Nathan Dunn  
John E Kane  
Robert A Parrish  
Isaac Elliott and  
Joseph Cowperthwait

Election

It was then on Motion resolved That the Meeting proceed to the election by ballot of President. Mr Cowperthwait acting as teller, who reported that Nathan Dunn was unanimously elected to that office.

On Motion Resolved

By Laws

That a committee of three be appointed to draft By-laws, and consider and report such regulations as may be necessary for the Board to carry into effect its duties

The Committee Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patterson Cowperthwait and Peale

On Motion Resolved

That when this meeting adjourn it adjourn to meet at the call of the President,

Adjourned

Franklin Peale  
Sec<sup>y</sup>.



## CHARTER.

*An act to incorporate the Proprietors of the Philadelphia  
Museum.*

WHEREAS, the Museum founded by Charles Wilson Peale is an institution not only honourable to the city of Philadelphia, but to the state of Pennsylvania, as a repository of much useful knowledge; and it is important that so large and valuable a collection should be placed beyond the chance of division, and that its improvements should be encouraged and secured by consolidating its interests;

AND WHEREAS, it has been represented to the Legislature that the said Charles Wilson Peale has conveyed the said Museum, and all right, title, and interest therein, to Raphael Peale, Remond Peale, Robeson Peale, Laurent Peale, Franklin Peale, and Taiton Peale, who have nominated and appointed the persons hereinafter named, trustees for the use of the holders and owners of shares into which the property or ownership of the said Museum has been or may be divided, for the purpose at the same time of generating and perpetuating the same for the public benefit, and of securing a moderate compensation for the expense and labour attending its preparation and exhibition; and the said Charles Wilson Peale as well as the said trustees and shareholders, are desirous of obtaining a charter of incorporation to effect the purpose aforesaid;

*Section 1.* Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Pierce Butler, Raphael Peale,

Rembrandt Peale, Coleman Sellers, and Rubens Peale, and their successors, to be elected as hereinafter is mentioned, shall be and they are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style, and title of "The Philadelphia Museum Company," and, by the same name, shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of record and elsewhere, and shall be competent and capable, in law and equity, to take and to hold, to them and their successors, for the use of the said Museum, land, tenements, hereditaments, goods, and chattels, of whatever kind, nature, or quality, real, personal, or mixed, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assignment, will, devise, or bequest, from any person or persons whatsoever capable of making the same, and the same from time to time to grant, bargain, sell, demise, alien, or dispose of, for the use of the said Museum, and to rent, purchase, or erect such building or place of exhibition as may be necessary, and generally to do all and singular the matters and things which shall be lawful for them to do, for the well being of said Museum, and the due management and ruling the affairs thereof:

{ The second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth sections, and the provision in the first section being repealed by the amendment, are omitted.

JOHN CHAMBERLAIN,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

WILLIAM MARKS, JUN.

*Speaker of the Senate.*

Approved, February the first, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two,

JOSEPH HUBSTER.

## SUPPLEMENT TO CHARTER.

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A SUPPLEMENT to an act entitled an act to incorporate the proprietors of the Philadelphia Museum.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That "The Philadelphia Museum Company" incorporated by the act to which this is a Supplement, be and they are hereby authorized to make, have, and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter, or renew at their pleasure, to borrow money from time to time upon mortgage of their estate and effects or any part thereof as they may deem the same to be necessary for the use of the corporation, and to make and execute such mortgage or mortgages and other securities for the repayment as they may think fit, and to make and establish such by-laws and regulations as they shall deem necessary and convenient for the government of the said corporation not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States, or of this State, or the provisions of this charter: *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to give in any way, to the said corporation, any banking or trading privileges whatsoever.*

SECTION 2. The present capital of the said corporation shall be divided into one thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, in lieu of five hundred shares of two hundred dollars each, and for every share of stock of two hundred dollars per share, the holder shall receive, upon surrender of the certificate thereof, a certificate or certificates

for two shares of one hundred dollars each, to be signed and sealed in manner hereinafter provided, and the said corporation shall have power from time to time, as they may think it necessary or proper, to increase the capital stock of the said corporation, so that the whole number of shares of one hundred dollars each, shall not exceed four thousand shares, and receive subscriptions therefor, upon such terms and conditions, and subject to such forfeitures and liabilities as they may deem best for the interest of the said corporation.

**SECTION 2.** For the management of the affairs of the said corporation, there shall be nine directors, who shall, at the time of their election, and during their continuance in office, be stockholders citizens of the United States, and residents of the State of Pennsylvania, either in the city of Philadelphia, or at a distance not exceeding ten miles therefrom, and be elected by the stockholders, at the Museum, on the first Monday of January in every year, after the passage of this act, except the first election thereafter, which shall be held at the Museum, at two o'clock as shall be designated by the trustees for the time being, of which ten days notice shall be given, in at least two daily newspapers of the city of Philadelphia, and which it shall be the duty of the said trustees to give, as soon as practicable, and all the directors who may be elected pursuant to the provisions of this act, shall, except as hereinafter provided, continue in office, until the expiration of the first Monday in January next succeeding their election. *Provided,* That no director shall continue in office after he may cease to be a stockholder, or a resident, as aforesaid, and the board of directors, annually, at their first meeting after their election, in each and every year, or as soon thereafter as practicable, shall elect one of the directors to be president of the corporation, to continue in office during the period he may be qualified to act as a director. And in case it should happen, that an



election of directors or of president, should not be made so as to take effect on any day, when, by this act, they ought to take effect, the said corporation shall not, for that cause, be deemed to be dissolved, but it shall be lawful at any other time, to hold or make such election, and until the same be made, the directors, for the time being, and the president, if he be at the same time a director, shall continue in office, and the manner of holding elections shall be regulated by the by-laws and regulations of the said corporation, and in case of the death, resignation, or disqualification of the president, the directors shall elect another from their own body, and in case of the death, resignation, or disqualification of a director, the board of directors shall elect a director to supply the vacancy so occasioned, and in case of the absence of the president, to appoint one pro tempore to act in his absence.

**SECTION 4.** The board of directors shall appoint a treasurer, and shall have power to appoint such other officers, workmen, agents, and servants, under them, as shall be necessary for executing the business of the said corporation, and to allow them such compensation as may be reasonable, and to remove them, or any of them at pleasure, and shall have power to make, establish, and put in execution, such by-laws and regulations as aforesaid, and shall be capable of exercising such other powers and authorities, for the well governing and ordering the affairs and effects of the said corporation, as are, or shall be, prescribed, fixed, and determined to be exercised by the said corporation, either by this act, or by the said by-laws and regulations.

**SECTION 5.** The following rules, restrictions, limitations, and provisions, shall form, and be fundamental articles of the Constitution of said corporation.

**I.** The number of votes to which the stockholders shall be entitled in voting for directors, shall be the number of

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Present the President Mr Dunn Dr Patterson Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kane

Sellers Cowperthwait Parrish & Peale

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acted he, she, or they, respectively shall hold, to be voted in person, or by proxy, which proxy shall be subject to the provisions of an act to regulate banks, passed March twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and twenty, and such by-laws and regulations of the said corporation, not inconsistent therewith, but no share held by transfer shall confer a right of voting, which shall not have been transferred to the holder three calendar months or more previous to the election.

II. Not less than five directors, shall constitute a board for the transaction of business, except for supplying vacancies in the board where the whole number of the remaining directors is less than five.

III. The treasurer, and such other officers, agents, or servants of the said corporation, as may be required or directed by any by-law, or regulation of said corporation, or by any order of the board of directors, shall give bond with one or more sureties, to the satisfaction of the said board, in such penalty and form, as they may prescribe, conditioned for his good behavior and the faithful performance of his duties to the corporation.

IV. The stock of the said corporation shall be assignable and transferable only according to such rules as shall be established in this behalf, by the by-law; and upon every such transfer made accordingly, the certificate or certificates, for the share or shares so transferred, shall be simultaneously cancelled and annulled, and a certificate or certificates thereupon be issued according to said transfer under the seal of the said corporation, and signed by the president and treasurer, which certificate or certificates, as well as all other evidences of stock (except payments) in this act, shall entitle the person or persons, holder or holders respectively thereof, to the share or shares therein specified of the capital stock, with all the status and emoluments of said corporation incident to such share or shares, and to all

*done & reported  
+ filed in the  
minutes*

the rights and privileges of stockholders of said corporation.

V. Half yearly dividends shall be made of so much of the profits as shall appear to the board of directors, to be advisable, and the directors shall lay before the stockholders at each annual meeting, a statement of the affairs of the corporation, and give such further information of the same, as the said meeting may require.

VI. All contracts shall be made by the board of directors by their order, or by their agents specially authorized to contract, or by authority of the by-laws, to be binding on said corporation.

VII. No money shall be drawn from the treasury of said corporation, but by order of the board of directors, signed by the president, and countersigned by the secretary of the board, or by the persons filling said offices for the time being.

VIII. The Museum or any part thereof, shall not be removed from the city of Philadelphia, nor shall any of the articles for exhibition at the said Museum, now or hereafter belonging to the said corporation, be sold or otherwise disposed of by the said corporation, or under its authority, except duplicate specimens of the least value, and all trusts or conditions under which the said corporation may have consented to receive any loan, gift, grant, or bequest of any article or articles for exhibition in the said Museum, shall, at all times, be kept, and performed, and no treasurer of the said corporation, shall defrost or annul any gift, grant, devise, or bequest, to or for the use and benefit of the said Museum.

IX. The said shares of stock shall be taken and deemed to be personal property.

SECTION 6. The second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth sections of the act to which this is a supplement,

and the proviso in the first section thereof, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. If at any time it shall appear that the privileges hereby granted are injurious to the public welfare, the legislature shall have power to alter or repeal this act.

NIR MIDDLESWORTH,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

THOMAS R. CUNNINGHAM,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

Approved, the twenty-second day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six.

JOS. RITNER,

*Secretary's Office, Harrisburg, Dec. 22, 1836.*

This is hereby to certify, that the above, and foregoing, is a true copy of the original law, on file and of record in said office.

Witness my hand and seal of office the day and year aforesaid.

THO. H. BURROWS,

*Sec. of the Commonwealth.*

Special Meeting

Jan'y 19<sup>th</sup> 1836

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunn Patterson Kane Sellers

Cowparthwait Parrish & Peale

M<sup>r</sup> Dunn in the chair

The Committee on By Laws reported the following code as adopted the present state of the Mus<sup>rs</sup>.

vis.<sup>t</sup>



By Laws mislaid by Mr Brown-

and the said By Laws having been duly considered were on Motion adopted

Secretary On Motion the Board proceeded to the election of a Sec<sup>y</sup> Franklin Peale was unanimously chosen.

It was on Motion Resolved, that the compensation of the Manager till otherwise directed shall be a Salary of \$1200 per Annum, payable monthly.

Purchase of Lot On Motion the President W<sup>m</sup> Elliott and W<sup>m</sup> Sellers were appoint<sup>d</sup> a committee to negotiate for the purchase of an appropriate Site for a new building for the Museum subject to the ratification of the Board, and that they are authorized to devise as far as may be necessary to carry into effect such financial arrangements as the purchase of the Site may require.

The Bill was presented from the Stockholders of the Phil<sup>a</sup> Arcade for \$787.50 for Rent & it was ordered that the Pres<sup>t</sup> and Secy, make a draft on the late Treasurer for the amount, in favour of the Manager and that the Manager make payment of the same.

Ordered that the hour of Meeting till otherwise ordered be 1/2 past 6 P.M.

Adj<sup>d</sup>  
Franklin Peale  
Sec<sup>y</sup>

Stated Meeting

Jan<sup>y</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1836

Present

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunn Peterson Kane Cowperthwaite Elliott  
Parrish Sellers and Peale

The President in the Chair

The Committee for the purchase of an appropriate Site reported as follows.

Site for  
Building

To the Board of Directors of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Company

The undersigned Committee of this board, appointed to negotiate with Judge Barnes on the subject of his estate on Chestnut St

Respectfully report

That after

Site for New  
Museum

various meetings and interviews had with Judge Barnes they have concluded the following arrangement with him subject to the approval of the B<sup>d</sup>. They have agreed to assume the whole of his purchase of from Isaac Brown Parker Esq. consisting of the vacant lot of ground 147 feet front on Chestnut St. the 2 three story houses, with coach houses & Stables in the rear of Nos 214 & 216 Chestnut St and the lot of ground on Ninth St and George St 68 feet on the former and 227 feet on the latter

Subject to the same restrictions and having the advantages of all the privileges as they at present exist, for which Judge Barnes is to be allowed a profit of \$20,000 on his original purchase of 152,000, and the interest on the portion of the purchase money, say 20,000 paid by him to Mr Parker from the date of such payment

Your committee could take advantage of this occasion to suggest the propriety of a conditional negotiation being entered into with the owners of the adjoining premises to the east and west of the vacant lot on Chestnut St with as little delay as possible, and they request to be continued.

Phil<sup>a</sup> Jan'y 21. 36

Nathan Dunn

Geo Escol Sellers

Isaac Elliott.

Resolved

That the report be accepted and that it be entered at large upon the minutes.

Resolved

That the management for purchasing of a Site for the new

Purchase  
of Site

Museum was reported by the Committee of this board as having been provisionally made between them and the honorable J<sup>os</sup> Barnes, Esq, and the same is hereby approved, ratified, and adopted as binding on the Phil<sup>a</sup> Museum Company

Resolved

That the same Committee be continued with instructions to have the contract between the honorable Jo<sup>s</sup> Barnes and the Phil<sup>a</sup> Mus<sup>y</sup> Company reduced to writing, and that they be authorized to sign the evidences thereof on the part of the Comp<sup>y</sup> -

Resolved

Title & co

That the same Committee take measures to have the title to the property examined & the deed thereof prepared for execution,

Resolved,

Purchase of  
lots

That the same Com<sup>ee</sup> be authorized and instructed to negotiate for the purchase of the lots of ground on Chestnut St at the east and west of the lots referred to in their report, subject to the approval of the Board.

Resolved

That Mr Broce Mr Cooperthwait and Mr Parrish be a Committee to petition the Legislature (if they judge it expedient) for the passage of a law to exempt the real and personal estate of the Museum Comp<sup>y</sup> from taxation and that in the absence of either of the others or either of them be empowered to act,

Manager

The Board then went into an election by ballot for Manager of the Museum, when Mr Titian R Peale was unanimously elected.

Resolved

That the Manager of the Mus<sup>y</sup> be authorized to purchase a coal press for the use of the Comp<sup>y</sup> at a cost not exceeding 65 dollars

The Manager reported that he had paid the rent of the Museum agreeable to resolution of the Bd and gave the receipt for the same.

Adjourned,

Franklin Peale.

Secy -



Execution of  
contract With  
J Barnes

M<sup>r</sup> Nathan Dunn the President of the Comp<sup>y</sup>, had in part execution of the contract made between the Comp<sup>y</sup> and the hon Joseph Barnes, paid to M<sup>r</sup> Barnes the sum of \$20,000 on account of the Company it was ordered that the fact be entered upon the Minutes, and an acknowledgement signed by the Secretary be presented to M<sup>r</sup> Dunn, declaring the fact that the Company is indebted to him in the sum of \$20,000 payable on demand, with interest from tharum from 29<sup>th</sup> of July 1834 at the rate of 6 per cent per Annum

Site

Resolved  
That the Com<sup>rs</sup> on the purchase of a site be authorized to offer the sum of \$20,000 for the house and lot west of the of the property now owned by the Company & the same sum for the house and lot owned by M<sup>r</sup> Gardette, deducting in both case the ground rents at 20 years purchase

Plans

Resolved  
That the same committee be authorized to advertise for plans of a new Museum suited to the present site now purchased alone or in conjunction with any property which may be purchased by them under the foregoing resolutions, and to offer premiums for such plans not exceeding in all \$500 -

Seal of Co<sup>y</sup>

Resolved  
That the Seal now submitted and which was in use by the Company before the passing of the supplement to the act of incorporation and that the Com<sup>rs</sup> for the purchase of a site - be authorized to affix the Seal to the contracts made or hereafter to be made by them for the purchase of ground under the authority of the Board -

Certificate

Resolved  
That a Committee of two be appointed to procure a certificate of Stock agreeable to the New Charter and to take such other measures as may be necessary for facilitating transfers of Stocks  
Committee Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mans & Comperthwait

Resolved  
That M<sup>r</sup> Broom and M<sup>r</sup> Parrish be a Com<sup>rs</sup> to cause to be printed, so much of the original Act of incorporation of the

Museum Comp<sup>y</sup> as now remains in force, together with the supplement thereto, to,

Resolved

That orders be issued on the Treasurer for the payment of David White's bill for carpenters work amounting to \$24 27/100 and for the payment of James A. Carrique's bill for a Seal pur<sup>y</sup> amounting to \$65.

Adjourned

Franklin Peale

Secretary -

Special Meeting

March 10<sup>th</sup> 1836

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunn, Kane, Sellers & Peale. This number not forming a quorum adjourned to meet on Monday evening next at 7 o'clock

Franklin Peale

Sec<sup>y</sup> -

Adjourned Meeting

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1836

Present

Kane<sup>rs</sup> Dunn Kane Parrish Cooperthwaite Elliott Sellers & the Secretary

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Gen<sup>l</sup> on petitioning the Signature reported progress and was continued

The President and Secretary as a Committee on the Managers report reported that they had fulfilled their duties by the following arrangements, and were discharged.

Workshop	After consultation with the Man <sup>r</sup> they have directed that he shall engage a suitable workshop for preparing the articles now in store, at a rent of not more than \$150 per year, and that he give notice to the Managers of the Armade of the intention of the Museum Company to vacate the present rooms occupied by them for the above purpose, at the end of the ensuing quarter.
Medals	Also they have directed that 150 medals be struck similar to the sample presented at the last meeting at a cost not to exceed 50 cents each, to serve as admission tickets for the annual and life subscribers, to the Museum.

Cages.

They have also directed that eight samples cases be made of the size suited to the average kind and sizes of Birds now in store and to fit them completely the whole to serve as a sample of the size and appearance of an alcove in the proposed new arrangements for exhibition.

They have finally agreed that it was not advisable to purchase the Indian drawings offered for sale.

All of which is respectfully reported

by

Nathan Dunn

Franklin Peale,

March 10th 1836.

Committee

Charter

The Committee on certificates reported progress and was continued. The Committee on presenting the Charter and Supplement reported that they had performed their duties by causing to be printed several copies of the charter, which were laid on the table and the Com<sup>d</sup> discharged.

The Managers report was read and directed to be filed.

He was directed to purchase such eyes as may be requisite for preparing the birds, he now in possession of the Museum, and an order was issued for the payment of the Bill for same - .

Site

The Committee on the Site was fully authorized to act definitively on the renting of the houses in Chestnut Street now in possession of the Company -

Finance  
Com<sup>ss</sup>

That a Committee of Finance be appointed with full powers to act during the intervals of the meetings of the Board as circumstances may require.

It was in Motion

Resolved

That M<sup>r</sup> Dunn M<sup>r</sup> Elliott and Cowperthwait form the above named Committee.

Resolved

That the Board adjourn until Monday evening next

Franklin Peale.

Stated Meeting

March 17<sup>th</sup> 1836

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patterson & Peale

A quorum not being present the Meeting adjourned untill Monday evening next.

Franklin Peale,

Secretary.

Adjourned Meeting March 21<sup>st</sup> 1896  
Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Fatterman Elliott Kane Parrish Comperthwait  
Sellers & Peale

Mr Kane in the chair

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and adopted

The Committee on Certificates reported progress and were continued

Plans The Committee on Sites reported the acceptance of two letters with plans and elevations for a new building

Finance The Committee on Finance rep<sup>d</sup> that in consequence of the present deranged state of the money market it was impossible to procure money either by loan or a subscription of stock. they therefore recommended that the Museum Com<sup>y</sup> should not make the attempt at this moment and proposed in lieu that the Board should authorize the Committee on their personal responsibilities to borrow a sum sufficient to meet the occasion, which they stated could be done for sixty days, by which period they did not doubt the pressure would be removed.

Loan

It was therefore on Motion

Resolved

Loan That the Committee of Finance be authorized to procure on a temporary loan, such sum of money as may be due to Judge Barnes on the 29<sup>th</sup> inst, and that the property of the Museum Company be, and the same is hereby pledged to indemnify, and save harmless the Members of the Committee or any of them in case it shall be devised advisable by them to procure such loan upon their personal security

Resolved further

That the Committee take order for the payment to Judge Barnes of the said sum when procured.  
A bill for advertisement was presented and ordered to be paid.  
The Committee on plans reported in part and presented several-



Plans

they ask to be continued in order to present others not yet  
natured

The report was accepted and the Committee continued

Ad<sup>d</sup> until Monday evening next, at 7 ½ o'clock -

Franklin Peale,

Secretary

Adjourned Meeting

March 28<sup>th</sup> 1836

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patterson Kane Parrish Cooperthwaite Sellers  
Elliott and Peale

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted

The Committee on certificates reported progress and was  
continued

Rent

The Committee on Site reported the reception from M<sup>r</sup> Chambers  
Servant of a house N<sup>o</sup> 216 Chestnut Street \$155 rent to the 20<sup>th</sup>  
of March \$125 being the quarters rent and that he had vacated  
the premises.

They also report the reception of \$150 being two quarters rent  
of lot at the corner of George and Ninth occupied by Elias Brown  
for a Stone cutters yard -

Rent

The Committee of Finance reported progress and was continued

Plans

The Committee on Plans reported the reception of a Plan  
from G. W. H. with a sealed letter not to be opened unless the  
said plans should be accepted -

Zoological  
Inst<sup>e</sup>

The Committee presented a letter from the Directors of the  
Zoological Institute relative to the privilege of occupying the  
Lot on Chestnut Street for certain purposes therein stated,  
which was referred to the Committee with authority to act definiti-  
tively thereon

The plans were ordered to be on the table for further  
consideration

Resolved that the Board adjourn until Wednesday next at  
7 o'clock

Franklin Peale,

Secretary

Adjourned Meeting

March 30<sup>th</sup> 1836

Present

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kane Patterson Parrish Elliott Cowperthwait & Sellers  
and Peale

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

The Motion of B<sup>r</sup> Patterson it was resolved that

The lot on George Street be selected as the site of the

Site on George Street

Site Selected

Resolved

That the Committee on Site be directed to take immediate  
measures for the sale of the property of the Company lately pur-  
chased of Judge Barnes fronting on Chestnut Street

Sale of  
Remainder

Resolved

Plans

That a Committee of four be appointed to procure plans  
and estimates for a Museum building to occupy the right now  
selected

Whereupon the following named Gentlemen were appointed a  
Com<sup>tee</sup> for the above purpose

Mr Kane                      Mr Cowperthwait

Dr Patterson              Mr Peale

Resolved

Plans

That the plans presented to the Company be referred for  
consideration to the Committee on plans appointed this evening  
to report at the next meeting

Adj<sup>d</sup> untill Monday evening at 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock

Franklin Peale,

Secretary

Adjourned Meeting

April 4<sup>th</sup> 1836

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunn Kane Patterson Brown Cowperthwait Sellers  
and Peale

Mr Dunn in the chair

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

The Committee on Plans rep<sup>d</sup> as follows.

To the Board of Directors &c.

The Committee to whom was referred the duty of considering  
and reporting on the plans, presented for a premium for a

Plans

Museum Edifice respectfully report

That three plans have been received ( with elevations &c ) all of which have been duly considered, the following remarks will exhibit the opinion of the Committee resulting from the examination

Plans

The plans presented by Mr Isaac Holden exhibit much talent, and a carefull consideration of the objects of the building designed by him. Some of the arrangement being decidedly judicious, and likely to be usefull, in the erection now contemplated by the Board, their execution is on the first Stile of excellence in this department of Art.

The Committee consider these plans to be worthy of premium

The Com<sup>ee</sup> is of opinion that the plans presented by M<sup>r</sup> Newman do not embrace the objects of the Board, and can be of no utility

The last presented by G.W.R. are not sufficiently meritorious to enter in competition, and therefore do not require further consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

R. H. Patterson

J K Kane

F Peale,

Com<sup>ee</sup> on Plans

Which report was on Motion adopted and the first premium awarded accordingly to M<sup>r</sup> Holden. .

Bill from M<sup>r</sup> J Haviland ~~was for~~ \$200 for a design for a Museum building was presented and ordered to be paid,

The Committee of Finance submitted the following report

Finance

That owing to the unsettled state of the warrid concerns of the community, and awaiting the action of the Board upon a plan for the erection of a suitable building they have been unable yet to devise any permanent measures for the creation of the necessary funds for the Museum Company.

The first payment for the property, purchased in Chestnut Street, was generously advanced by the gentleman who preside over the deliberations of the Board - for the second payment now due and pressing upon us, the Com<sup>ee</sup> are unable to ~~devise~~

provide the means except upon individual responsibility. This the Com<sup>ee</sup> think should not fall on them exclusively, but be shared by each Member of the Board, who holding as they do the entire control of the whole property of the Com<sup>ee</sup> would not be subjected to any great risk. - They therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the sum of Thirty two thousand dollars be borrowed upon the joint responsibilities of the Members of the Board in their individual and private capacity.

All of which is resp<sup>d</sup>

Submitted by

Nathan Dunn

Jos<sup>h</sup> Cowparthwait

Isaac Elliott

Com<sup>ee</sup> of finance

and their report being under consideration, the B<sup>d</sup> adjourned to meet on Wed<sup>d</sup> afternoon at 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock

Franklin Peale

Secretary -

Adjourned Meeting

April 6th 36.

Present

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patterson Kane Elliott Parriah Sellers & Sect.

The report of the Com<sup>ee</sup> of finance presented at the last meeting and laid over for consideration at this Meeting was read. Whereupon it was Resolved

That the Secretary be directed to call a meeting of the Shareholders through the public papers on Monday next at 4 o'clock P.M. and to notify individually such of the Shareholders, as are now residents of the City.

Adjourned until Monday the 11th inst immediately after the Meeting of the Shareholders.

Franklin Peale

Secretary

Adjourned Meeting

April 11<sup>th</sup> 1836

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunn Kane Patterson Sellers and Peale.

The report of the transactions of the Meeting of Share-



holders held this day having been read it was ordered to be inserted in these Minutes, and the following unanimously passed.

Resolved

That the Committee on the site be instructed to take all necessary measures to carry into effect the first resolution of the Meeting of Stockholders held this day.

A bill for rent of the Museum apartments was presented, amounting to \$193.75 and ordered to be paid

Adjourned to meet at call of the President

Franklin Peale,

Secretary

Special Meeting of Shareholders of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Company.

Meeting of  
Stockholders

At a Meeting of the Stockholders of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Co<sup>y</sup> held at the Museum April 11<sup>th</sup> 1836 in pursuance of a notice from the Board of Directors in the following words, published in the Penn<sup>a</sup> Enquirer & Poulson's American Daily Advertiser under date of the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> inst.

Philadelphia Museum Co<sup>y</sup>

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Stockholders will be held at the Museum on Monday, the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. at 4 o'clock P.M. on business of importance

Franklin Peale

Secretary

Alexander Benson Esq. was called to the Chair and Titian R Peale appointed Secretary.

Meeting of  
Stockholders

A list of the Stockholders was called over, and 8/10<sup>ths</sup> of the whole number of Stockholders was found to be present represented by the persons in the following list, with the numbers of Shares opposite to their respective names.

T R Peale	104	James Peale	66
R M Patterson	2	Alex Benson	32
Sen <sup>r</sup> A Porter	18	John K Kane	2
Rubens Peale	50	Nathan Dunn	2
C R Sellers	8	C Quenoy & John Broome	220
W <sup>m</sup> Mason & A Summers	88	Charles Sellers	106
Coleman Sellers & R Haines	100	Joseph Gasperthwaite	2
	370	forwarded	370
		Total	800

The Board of Directors having reported to the Company, the Minutes of their several meetings since their organization, and having particularly explained the circumstances of a purchase of real estate made by them from the Hon. Joseph Barnes, and the fact of the present inability of the company to comply with the terms of that purchase, the following preambles and resolutions were presented for consideration by D<sup>r</sup> Patterson.

Whereas it appears to this meeting that a purchase has been made by the Board of Directors in the name of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Company from the Hon<sup>d</sup> Joseph Barnes of certain property on Chestnut Street and George with a view to the resale of a portion thereof, and to the construction (if adequate means could be procured) of a building on the residue to include accommodations for the Museum, and that Nathan Dunn Esq. had advanced the Money for the first payment, which the Museum Company is not now able to refund - and a second payment having since become due, which the Company is unable to make, the purchase is liable to become a failure in consequence of the inability of the Comp<sup>y</sup> to comply with its conditions - therefore

Resolved

That the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Company does hereby in consideration of the premises, grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer, and set over to Nathan Dunn Esq. his heirs and assigns, forever, all its right, title and interest, legal or equitable in the property purchased or contracted to be purchased in their name and behalf from the Hon. Joseph Barnes. - and the Directors are hereby authorized and required to execute under the Seal of the Company, all such releases or other assurances, and to do all such other and things whatsoever in the name and behalf of this Company as may be necessary and proper for vesting its whole interest in the said property in the said Nathan Dunn Esq's -

2 and Whereas it is extremely desirable that the plan contemplated by the Board of Directors for procuring accommodations for the Museum should be carried into effect, if practicable; & the Museum Company is willing, to give all necessity in its power to those who may be disposed to advance funds for the purchase of ground & the construction of buildings thereon, therefore

Stockholders  
Meeting

Stockholders  
Meeting

Resolved that if at any time before the next Annual Meeting, of Stockholders, of this Company, Nathan Dunn Esq or his assigns (whether Directors of this Company or others) shall convey to this Company the whole or any portion of the ground in the foregoing resolution referred to, at such price as the same shall have cost him or them in such case, the Board of Directors for the time being shall be, and are hereby authorized and required to pledge, not only the said ground so conveyed to this Co<sup>y</sup> but the revenues and income of the Museum of whatsoever sort in addition, in such manner as fully to secure the payment of the said price to the said Nathan Dunn Esq. or his assigns, and to indemnify and repay all those (whether Directors of the Comp<sup>y</sup> or others) who may advance moneys for the purpose of enabling the Comp<sup>y</sup> to pay either the whole or a part of the said price.

3<sup>rd</sup> Resolved

That the Board of Directors be and they are hereby requested to take all possible means of constructing or procuring suitable apartments for the Museum, and that they be authorized for that purpose to create such additional stock and to dispose thereof on such terms as they shall deem expedient, and to make such contracts of purchase or lease, and such loans, as in their view may be for the interest of the Company - And for the performance of all the engagements which they ~~shall~~ may thus make, to pledge all the property of the Museum Company and the revenues and income from exhibitions in such manner and to such persons as they may judge proper.

The foregoing preamble and resolutions having been adopted the meeting was adjourned

Signed

Alex Benson  
Chairman

T R Peale  
Secretary

Stated Meeting

April 16<sup>th</sup> 1896

Pursuant to a notice for a stated meeting of the Directors P. M. C. Fenn<sup>rs</sup> Kane Cowperthwaite and Elliott attended, and not being a quorum they adjourned to meet on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> inst on

business of importance

Adjourned Meeting

April 18<sup>th</sup> 1836

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunn Kane Patterson Parrish and Peale & Sellers

The President in the chair

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted

The Committee on certificates reported progress and was continued.

The Committee on plans reported progress - & was continued

Committee on Site reported progress and was continued

The Managers report was read and ordered to be filed

The a/c current of the Manager for the quarter ending March 31<sup>st</sup> was read by which it appeared that the incomes from visitors during the quarter amounted to \$544.30

and the expenses to \$96.04

& Balance paid to Treas<sup>r</sup> 948.25

The Managers list of Donations was read and ordered to be filed -

Sundry bills were presented & ordered to be paid -

Adjourned to meet at the call of the President -

Franklin Peale

Sec<sup>y</sup> -

Stated Meeting

May 19<sup>th</sup> 1836

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patterson Kane Elliott Sellers & Peale

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The Committee on Certificates reported progress and was continued

The Com<sup>ee</sup> on Plans reported progress and was continued

M<sup>r</sup> Elliott on the part of the Committee of Finance read a letter from M<sup>r</sup> Yard asking terms and prices of House in Chestnut St whereupon it was on Motion of M<sup>r</sup> Kane

Resolved

That in the opinion of this board, it is expedient to sell the Houses east of E<sup>x</sup> Gardette's property at private Sale if \$6,000 dolls can be obtained for that same.

Managers a/c



Sale of  
Houses

and to advertise the vacant lot on Chestnut St for sale at  
Public Auction by H Thomas.

Mr Elliott on the part of the Com<sup>ee</sup> handed to the Treasurer  
\$300 paid to him by the Man<sup>r</sup> of the Ecological Ins<sup>n</sup> as rent for  
the Lot in Chestnut St lately occupied by their Menagerie.

A report from the Manager stating the lease's condition of  
the Arcade Co<sup>rs</sup> was read and ordered to be filed

Adj<sup>d</sup>

Franklin Peale

Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Special Meeting

May 16<sup>th</sup> 1836

Called by the request of the President

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunn Elliott Patterson & Sec<sup>y</sup> A quorum not  
being present adj<sup>d</sup> to meet on Monday next at 4 o'clock

Franklin Peale

Sec<sup>y</sup>

Special Meeting

June 20<sup>th</sup> 1836

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunn Kane Patterson Elliott Peale,

Value of  
Property on  
Chestnut St.

The President announced to the Board that the object of the  
Meeting was to fix the minimum price of the property on Chestnut  
Street intended to be sold by the Com<sup>ee</sup> after considerable con-  
versation it was on motion resolved -

That the minimum price of the lot shall be \$233 1/3 per  
foot Capital or \$50 per foot int.

Resolved

That the minimum price the houses shall be \$18,000 each.

Adjourned

Franklin Peale.

Sec<sup>y</sup> -

Special Meeting

June 24<sup>th</sup> 36

Present, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Elliott Kane Cooperthwaite Parrish & Secy.

Property in  
Chest. Street

Mr Dunn being absent Mr Elliott was called to the chair  
and stated that the object of the meeting was to confer on the  
subject of the price to be fixed upon the lot and property in  
Chestnut Street which, after full discussion it was resolved

That the lowest price of the lot and House in .....  
be .....  $\frac{1}{2}$  for the present.

It was on Motion resolved

That the Committee on Certificates be directed to cause to be printed a form for certificates of Museum Stock.

Adjourned

Franklin Peale

Secretary -

Stated Meeting

July 14<sup>th</sup> 1836

Present the President M<sup>r</sup> Elliott Kans Patterson Cowper-  
thwait & Sec<sup>y</sup>

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The Committee on Certificates presented 2 books of certi-  
ficates which were accepted and the Com<sup>ee</sup> discharged -

It was on Motion Resolved

That the Secretary be requested to procure a list of Stock-  
holders of the transfers that have been lately made, the prices  
at which Stock has been sold, and all other information that it  
is possible to procure on this subject & to report to the next  
meeting of this board

The President and several members of the Board of Directors,  
having purchased at their own expense a suitable lot for the  
erection of a Museum building, which they are willing to transfer  
to the Company at the price paid by them, provided the Stock-  
holders shall consent to such an equitable arrangement of their  
stock as may enable the Board to erect thereon a suitable build-  
ing for the Company's use

Resolved

Circular to  
Stockholders

That the President M<sup>r</sup> Patterson and M<sup>r</sup> Peale be a Com<sup>ee</sup>  
to address a circular to the present Stockholders, inviting them  
to consent to such a reduction of the nominal amount of their  
Stock as shall make it more conform to its actual value, And  
that the Committee have authority to confer with the Stockholders  
on the subject either a Meeting to be called for that purpose,  
or otherwise, and to arrange the manner in which the object above

expressed may be best effected.

Resolved

That in the opinion of this Board, the actual value of the Share of Stock of \$100 under the amended charter has not at any time exceeded \$50.

Gundry Bills were presented and ordered to be paid -

Viz.

Wetherill & Brothers for glass amounting to  
\$22. 92/100

A Kauger for eyes - amounting to \$79. 95/100

Managers of the P. Arcade for rent for Museum  
apartments amounting to \$393.75

The Managers report was read and ordered to be filed.

M<sup>r</sup> Patterson M<sup>r</sup> Cooperthwait and the Secretary were appointed  
a Committee with power to act definitively on such parts of the  
Managers report as related to articles of interest offered for  
Sale by M<sup>r</sup> Kyre.

Adjourned

Franklin Peale

Secretary,

Stated Meeting

August 18<sup>th</sup> 1836

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cooperthwait Parrish Sellers and Secretary -

A quorum not being present adjourned to meet on Monday  
next at 4 o'clock P.M.

Franklin Peale

Secretary

Adjourned Meeting

Aug<sup>t</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 1836

Present

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunn Patterson Broome Parrish Sellers & Sec<sup>y</sup>

The Committee on M<sup>r</sup> Kyre's offers of Articles for Sale re-  
ported that it was inexpedient at this present to make purchases  
on a/c of the Collections.

The Managers report was read and ordered to be filed -

The Secretary in accordance with the resolution of the 14<sup>th</sup>  
of July - handed in a list of Stockholders, with such other in-  
formation as could be procured on the subject of the values of

the stock.

Circular

The Committee on Circulars to the Stockholders appointed at the last Meeting presented a sketch of a Circular, upon which considerable discussion took place. No order being taken - the Committee was continued

Adjourned

Franklin Peale

Sec<sup>y</sup> -

Stated Meeting

Sep 15<sup>th</sup> 1836

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patterson Elliott & the Secretary only being pres.<sup>t</sup> and not constituting a quorum adjourned to meet on Sat<sup>y</sup> at 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> o'clock -

Adjourned Meeting

September 17<sup>th</sup> 1836

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunn Parrish Kane Comperthwait Patterson & the Secretary

The President in the Chair

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Board resumed the consideration of the Circular whereupon the following was adopted and the Secretary requested to have them printed and distributed to the Stockholders.

The Managers report was then read and ordered to be filed.

The following address to the Secretary of the Navy was passed  
To Hon<sup>ble</sup> Mahlon Dickerman

Secretary of the Navy

At a meeting of the Phila<sup>a</sup> Museum Com<sup>y</sup> held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September it was unanimously

Resolved

Do Sea Exp

That this Board, regarding with great interest the proposed expedition to the Southern ocean, as the means of advancing the several Sciences which form the immediate object of their institution - and anxious that the Zoological department should be well filled do cordially, and fully recommend to the Secretary of the Navy, their present Manager M<sup>r</sup> Titian B Peale, as a gentleman peculiarly qualified by his talents, Science, experience, and general character, to be the Zoologist of the expedition; - and that leave of absence, for such time as may be necessary be given

Leave to  
Manager to  
be absent.



## Special Meeting

Sep<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 1836

## Present

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunn Patterson Elliott Sellers Kane & Peale.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Resolved, that the following by laws be adopted as rules for the assignment of Stock.

Stock  
Regulations

1<sup>st</sup> New Certificates of Stock bearing date the 4<sup>th</sup> January 1836 shall be forthwith issued by the President and Treasurer under the Corporate Seal, to each person holding Shares at the time of accepting the Charter, and the old certificates shall at the same time be delivered up, & cancelled,

2. All transfers shall hereafter be made, attested by the Manager, by endorsement on the certificates of Stock, which shall then be delivered up to be cancelled, & new certificates shall issue. The cancelled certificates shall be reinserted in the certificate books, in the places they occupied before their issue.

3. A regular account shall be kept by the Treasurer with each Stockholder, for the shares held by him -

The Board then adj<sup>d</sup>

Franklin Peale,

Secretary -

## Stated Meeting

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 1836

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kane Patterson & Peale who not constituting a quorum adjourned to meet on Monday evening, at 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> o'clock

F Peale Sec<sup>y</sup>

## Adjourned Meeting

Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1836

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Parrish Kane Patterson Sellers and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and adopted

The President being absent S<sup>r</sup> Parrish took the chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

The Com<sup>rs</sup> to address a circular reported that they had performed the duties assigned to them, that a meeting of Stockholders had been held, the Minutes of which are appended, and were discharged -

The Managers report and a/c current and list of Donations were read and ordered to be filed.

## Adjourned

Franklin Peale  
Sec<sup>y</sup>.

## Minutes of the Meeting of Stockholders

Special Meeting Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1836.

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunn Patterson Wagon Elliott Cowperthwait  
Sellers & Peale.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The board was called together at the request of the Com<sup>ee</sup>  
on Site.

Considerable conversation took place on the affairs of the  
Museum and its financial prospects, with reference to proceedings  
for a building &c. When it was resolved that the Com<sup>ee</sup> on plans  
be requested to forward their arrangements and present the re-  
sults

Plans

Adjourned to meet on Thursday next

Franklin Peale  
Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Adjourned Meeting Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1836

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Parrish Elliott Cowperthwait Sellers & Sec<sup>y</sup>.  
& W<sup>m</sup> Kane. M<sup>r</sup> Elliott in the chair.

It was resolved that the Com<sup>ee</sup> on Plans be requested to fur-  
nish plans for the Museum building as soon as possible and to  
call a Meeting when prepared

Plans called

Adjourned

Franklin Peale  
Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Special Meeting Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1836

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunn Cowperthwait Elliott Sellers Parrish & Sec<sup>y</sup>.  
M<sup>r</sup> Dunn in the chair

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

M<sup>r</sup> James H. Brown in a letter addressed to M<sup>r</sup> Dunn tendered  
his resignation as a Member of this board, which was accepted.

The board then proceeded to the ballot for a Member in the  
place of M<sup>r</sup> Brown. M<sup>r</sup> Elliott being appointed teller, whereupon

W<sup>m</sup> D LewisN<sup>x</sup> W<sup>m</sup> D. Lewis unanimously elected.

Plans

The Committee on plans presented plans and an estimate by N<sup>x</sup> Strickland, for a Museum building, which were ordered to be laid on the table

Adjourned until the Stated Meeting of Thursday at 6 o'clock

Franklin Peale

Secretary

Stated Meeting

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1836Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kane Parrish Cowperthwait Sellers & Peale

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Resolved

Plans

That a Committee be appointed to confer with N<sup>x</sup> Holden in relation to a plan and estimate for a Museum building

N<sup>x</sup> Cowperthwait & N<sup>x</sup> Sellers were appointed a com<sup>tee</sup> for the above purpose.

The Managers report was read and adopted ordered to be filed.

At the suggestion of the Manager the price of Family tickets to the Museum was raised to \$5 dolls and School tickets to \$10 dolls.

Adjourned

Fr Peale.

Special Meeting

Jan<sup>y</sup> 11/37

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunn Kane Cowperthwait Patterson Sellers Lewis & N<sup>x</sup> Parrish & Secretary.

The Com<sup>tee</sup> on plans appointed at the last meeting presented plans and an estimate, by N<sup>x</sup> Holden upon which considerable conversation took place after which the Board ad<sup>d</sup> until Friday at 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> P.M.

Adjourned Meeting

Jan<sup>y</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1837

Present

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunn Parrish Patterson Sellers & Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Plans

The Meeting this even<sup>g</sup> having been adjourned from Wed<sup>y</sup> for the purpose of further consideration of the plans, and a bare quorum being present it was thought advisable to adjourn until

Monday next at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  O'clock

Franklin Peale

Sec<sup>y</sup> -

Special Meeting

Jan<sup>y</sup> 16th 1837

Present D<sup>r</sup> Patterson, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lewis Sellers Parrish Cowperthwait  
and the Secretary

N<sup>r</sup> Dunn being absent D<sup>r</sup> Patterson was called to the chair  
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

On Motion of N<sup>r</sup> Cowperthwait seconded by N<sup>r</sup> Lewis it was  
unanimously resolved

Plans adopted That the plans presented by N<sup>r</sup> Holden for a Museum edifice be  
adopted.

On Motion of N<sup>r</sup> Cowperthwait it was resolved that a Com-  
mittee of three be appointed with power to contract with N<sup>r</sup> Holden  
for the erection of a building in accordance with his plans.  
Whereupon the Chairman appointed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Parrish Cowperthwait and  
Sellers.

Adjourned

Franklin Peale

Sec<sup>y</sup>

Special Meeting

July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1837

Present

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patterson Kane Elliott Sellers & Secretary.

On Motion it was resolved that a General Meeting of the  
Stockholders be called on Monday the sixth of Feb<sup>y</sup> next at 4  
o'clock P.M. for the year 1837. and that due notice be published  
of the same

Resolved

That N<sup>r</sup> Elliot & Sellers be a committee to treat  
with the occupant of the lot on 9th Street to give up possession  
of the same.

Plans

The Committee to contract with N<sup>r</sup> Holden reported that  
they had contracted with him for the erection of the Museum  
building for the sum of 80,000 dolls not including the glass or  
glass, but complete in all other respects

Ad<sup>d</sup> F Peale

Secy.



Annual Meeting of Share<sup>rs</sup> was held Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1837  
See Minutes which are on file.

Special Meeting

Feb<sup>y</sup> 9th 1837

Directors

The following named Gentlemen met in accordance with a notice from the Secretary of the Annual Meeting, of their election as Directors for the current year. Viz<sup>t</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunn Patterson Elliott Sellers & Peale

M<sup>r</sup> Dunn was called to the chair and F Peale appointed Secy.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders were read whereby it appeared that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunn Patterson Kane Elliott Cowperthwait Parrish Sellers Peale and Lewis were unanimously re-elected. Directors for the current year.

Treas & Sec

The Meeting then proceeded to ballot for Officers, and M<sup>r</sup> Dunn was unanimously reelected Pres<sup>t</sup> and J<sup>h</sup> Cowperthwait Treas and F Peale Secy.

T & Peale was unanimously re elected Manager, on the same terms as heretofore.

The Committees for the transaction of such business as the present exigencies require were then appointed

For building

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunn Peale Parrish & Sellers.

For Finance

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cowperthwait Elliott and Lewis.

Resolved

That the Comm<sup>ee</sup> appointed by the late Board be continued with full powers to treat for the possession of the Lot.

Directions were given to the Secretary to answer the letter of M<sup>r</sup> Res<sup>t</sup> Peale stating that respectfull attention would be given to his application when it should become necessary for the Board to act upon the appointing of a Manager for the Museum.

Manager

Adj<sup>d</sup>

Franklin Peale,

Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Stated Meeting

March 15<sup>th</sup> 1837

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Parrish Elliott & Sec<sup>y</sup>.

No quorum appearing adj<sup>d</sup>

Franklin Peale.

Stated Meeting

April 10<sup>th</sup> 1837

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Parrish Sellers & Peale

No quorum appearing adj<sup>d</sup> to meet on the 21<sup>st</sup>

F Peale

Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Adjourned Meeting

April 21/ 37

The President H<sup>r</sup> Dunn in the chair, and present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patterson Parrish Sellers and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meetings were read and adopted.

The following preamble and resolution was then unanimously passed.

Directors

Whereas the Annual Meeting for the election of Directors did not take place on the stated day, viz<sup>t</sup> the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> last, and whereas the old Board continued to act under the charter untill the election took place on the 4<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>y</sup>, and whereas important measures were adopted during this interval, therefore, to prevent all doubt as to their being legitimate,

Resolved, that all the measures adopted by the Board during the interval from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> untill the meeting of the Board after the last election be and they are hereby confirmed.

The Managers report and a/c for the first quarter of 1837 were read and ordered to be filed, by the latter it appears that the amount of money received has been \$913.76 and the expenses paid by him have amounted to \$261.71, the balance \$551.99 having been paid to the Treasurer.

The following bills were pres<sup>d</sup> and ordered to be paid.

C W Peering for Coal	\$66.50
David White for Car <sup>y</sup> work	35.25
Thomas Ainton for lumber	33.79
B <sup>r</sup> Kense for paint <sup>r</sup> Au	50.15
R Parrish ex <sup>d</sup> at Harrisb <sup>d</sup>	17.87

Resolved

That the Manager be author<sup>d</sup> to sell the locomotive Engine for \$200.

Resolved that the Finance Committee be requested to report to the Board, on the subject of procuring funds to proceed with the execution of the contract with Mr Holden, and that the Board

Finance

held a Special Meeting for the purpose of receiving and acting on this report on Tuesday next at 7½ o'clock P.M.

Adjourned until

Tuesday

Franklin Peale,

Secy -

Special Meeting

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1837

Present

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patterson Parrish Sellers & Peale.

The Board having met to receive the report called for at the late meeting, and no quorum appearing, adjourned to meet on Thursday afternoon at 4½ o'clock with the same object

Franklin Peale

Sec<sup>y</sup>.

Special Meeting

Thursday 1837

No quorum appearing adjourned,

F. Peale

Stated Meeting

June 15<sup>th</sup> 37

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cowperthwait, Patterson Peale no quorum appearing adjourned

F Peale

Sec<sup>y</sup>

Special Meeting

July 10<sup>th</sup>

Present

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunn Patterson Cowperthwait Sellers & Peale.

H<sup>r</sup> Dunn in the chair

It was on motion resolved

Finance That the finance Com. be hereby authorized to convert the funds accruing to the Com<sup>y</sup> on the first of Jan<sup>y</sup> into cash by any means within their reach for the purpose of prosecuting the Building com

Adj<sup>n</sup>

F Peale.

Special Meeting

Dec 11 1837

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Company, held Dec 11th 1837, At the request of the President H<sup>r</sup> Patterson took the chair and J Cowperthwait acted as Secretary

The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockholders held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 1876 having been read were ordered to be inscribed as the minutes of the Board and are as follows.

Stockholders  
Meeting

"At a meeting of the Stockholders of the Philadelphia Museum Company held at the Museum April 11th 1876, in pursuance of a notice from the Board of Directors in the following words, published in the Penn<sup>a</sup> Inquirer & Poulson's American Daily Advertiser under date of the 8th & 9th inst.

"Philadelphia Museum Company" Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stockholders will be held at the Museum, on Monday the 11th inst, at 4 O'clock P.M. on business of importance

Signed Franklin Peale

Secretary

Alex Benson Esq was called to the chair and Titian B Peale appointed Secretary

A list of the Stockholders was called over and 8/10ths of the whole number of Stockholders were found to be represented by the persons in the following list, with the number of Shares opposite to their respective names.

by G E Sellers

By  
G E Sellers

T B Peale	104	James Peale &	66
R N Patterson	2	Alex Benson	32
Sam A Porter	18	J A Kane	2
Subens Peale	50	Nathan Dunn	2
G E Sellers	8	Charles Chancy &	
Wm Mason & A Summers	88	J B Brown by	
Colman Sellers &		F Peale	220
R Haines	100	Charles Sellers	106
	370	Joseph Cowperthwaite	2
		forward	320
		Total	800

Real Estate

The Board of Directors having reported to the Company, the Minutes of the several Meetings since their organization, and having particularly explained the circumstances of a purchase of Real Estate made by them from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Joseph Barnes, and the fact of the present inability to comply with the terms of that purchase; the following preamble and resolutions were presented for consideration by R N Patterson



Purchase  
of lot

1. Whereas, it appears to this Meeting that a purchase has been made by the Board of Directors in the name of the Philadelphia Museum Company, from the Honorable Joseph Barnes of certain property on George and Chestnut Street with a view to the resale of a portion thereof, and to the construction (if adequate means could be procured) of a building on the residue to include accommodations for the Museum, and that Nathan Dunn Esq has advanced the monies for the first payment, which the Museum Company is not soon able to refund: - And a second payment having become due, which the company is unable to make, the purchase is liable to failure in consequence of the inability of the company to comply with its conditions: Therefore

Resolved That the Philadelphia Museum Company does hereby in consideration of the premises, grant bargain and sell assign transfer and set over to Nathan Dunn Esq. his peers and assigns forever, all its right title and interest, legal and or equitable in the property purchased or contracted to be purchased, in their name and behalf from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Joseph Barnes; and the Directors; are hereby authorized and required to execute under the seal of the Company, all such releases or other assurances, and to do all such other matters & things whatsoever to the name and behalf of this company as may be necessary and proper for vesting its whole interest in the said property in the said Nathan Dunn Esq.

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2nd and Whereas, it is extremely desirable that the plan contemplated by the Board of Directors for procuring accommodations for the Museum should yet be carried into effect, if practicable; and the Museum Company is willing to give all security in its power to those who may be disposed to advance funds for the purchase of ground and the construction of buildings thereon; therefore Resolved, That if at any time before the next annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Company, Nathan Dunn Esq or his assigns (whether Directors of the Company or others) shall convey to this company the whole or a portion of the ground in the foregoing resolutions referred to, at such price as the same may have cost him or them; in such case, the Board of Directors for the time being, shall be and are hereby authorized and required to pledge notonly the said ground, so conveyed to this company, but the

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revenues and income of the Museum of whatsoever sort in addition, in such manner as fully to secure the payment of the said price to the said Nathan Dunn Esq or his assigns, and to indemnify and repay all those (whether Directors of the Company or others) who may advance moneys for the purpose of enabling the Company to pay either the whole or a part of the said price. 3rd Resolved, That the Board of Directors be and they are hereby requested to take all possible means for constructing or procuring suitable apartments for the Museum, and that they be authorised for that purpose to create such additional stock, and to dispose thereof in such terms as they shall deem expedient, and to make such contract of purchase or lease and such loans as in their view may be for the interest of the Company: And for the performance of all the engagements which they may thus make to pledge all the property of the Museum Company, and the revenues and income from exhibitions, in such manner, and to such persons as they may judge proper.

The foregoing preamble and Resolutions, having been unanimously adopted, the Meeting was adjourned

Signed

Alex Hanson

Stockholders  
Meeting T R Peale Secretary

The Minutes of another meeting of the Stockholders held on the 3rd day of October 1836 were then read and ordered to be inserted on the minutes of this Board, as follows.

Meeting of  
Stockholders At a meeting of Stockholders of the Philadelphia Museum Company, held pursuant to notice at the Museum Oct 3rd 1836 Henry Froth was called to the chair and T R Peale appointed Secretary.

On Motion the list of Stockholders was read and seven hundred and eighteen shares were found to be represented in person or by proxy as follows,

T R Peale Shares	104	Brought forward	348
Martha Peale	22	W <sup>m</sup> McGuigan	2
R A Patterson	2	James McGuigan	2
Sam A Porter	18	W <sup>m</sup> Wilson	4
Edwens Peale	50	J R Kane	4

Henry Troth	2	Nathan Dunn	2
George Escol Sellers	8	Charles Chauncey &	
H A Parrish	4	James W Brown	220
James Page	2	J H Brown	2
Elizabeth D Patterson	68	Elizabeth Harrold	12
James Peale	66	Alfred Harrold	10
D A Keyser	<u>2</u>	W L Sellers	2
	348	Charles Sellers	105
		Sophronista Sellers	4
		Isaac Elliott	<u>2</u>
Total No of Shares rep \$718			

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On Motion it was Resolved That in addition to the powers heretofore vested in the Board of Directors they be specially authorized and requested to create new stock, and to sell the same from time to time at such prices as they shall judge expedient, provided that it be not sold for less than fifty dollrs. per share, and that the shares be sold further than may be sufficient to produce one hundred thousand dollars clear of all expenses.  
No further business appearing the Meeting adjourned

Signed

Henry Troth  
Chairman

T H Peale  
Secretary

The Minutes of a third meeting of the Stockholders held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 1837, were next read and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of this Board as follows:

A Meeting of the Stockholders of the Philadelphia Museum Company was held pursuant to due public notice, at the Museum on the 13th of November 1837,

Dr Patterson was appointed Chairman and H A Parrish Secretary  
The quorum of Stockholders required by charter to constitute a meeting being present in person or by proxy as follows:

R E Patterson	2
Sophonista Sellers (by C E Sellers)	4
George Becon Sellers	50
Rob <sup>t</sup> A Parrish	38
Reuben Karpis (by C E Sellers)	100
John E. Kane	2
Chauncy A Brown (by C E Sellers)	220
James H Brown (by do)	2
Hugh McKinley (by do)	21
T. E. Peale (by J E Kane)	100
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The Board of Directors made a communication on the state of the Company; and thereupon (on motion) the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

1st Resolved: That the several powers conferred on the Board of Directors by the Meetings of this Company on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April, and the 2nd of October 1836, be and are hereby renewed and confirmed; and that the Directors be and are hereby specially authorized and directed to accept from Nathan Dunn Esq. and those claiming under him, a conveyance of a certain lot of ground at the N.E. Corner of George & Ninth Streets with the buildings thereon standing, at and for such price or sum as the same may

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have cost him and then, including interest; and that for the payment of the said price or sum, and for the security and indemnifying the said Nathan Dunn Esq and those claiming under him against loss or damage by reason of any and all bonds and mortgages made for a part of the purchase money of the entire property bought of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Joseph Barnes, the said Directors are hereby required to execute to said Nathan Dunn and those claiming under him, the bonds of this company under its corporate Seal, and good and sufficient mortgages as well of the real estate by him and them to be conveyed to this company as all the revenues and income of this company of whatsoever sort.

2nd Resolved. That the Directors have the power to create such amount of new stock in the Museum Company, as they shall find to be requisite for its interests; and that they be empowered



to sell such new stock at any price not less than fifty dollars per share, or at their discretion to pledge the same as security for the payment of any loans which they may make for the use of this Company, and the interest thereon.

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The meeting was adjourned

R H Patterson

Chairman

R A Parrish

Secretary

Mr Dunn announced that he is now prepared to execute a conveyance to the Museum Company, of the lot and building at the N.E. Corner of George and Ninth Streets, at the price which the same have cost him, and those he represents, on receiving the securities and indemnities referred to in the first resolution adopted by the Stockholders at their late meeting.

And thereupon it was on Motion of M<sup>r</sup> Parrish

1st resolved: That in accordance with the Directions of the Stockholders of this company, the Board of Directors accepts the offer now made by Mr Dunn.

2nd Resolved: That D<sup>r</sup> Patterson the now acting chairman M<sup>r</sup> Comperthwait the Treasurer & M<sup>r</sup> F Peale the Secretary of the Board, be a committee to ascertain the amount paid by M<sup>r</sup> Dunn and those he represents for the lot and building above referred to, together with the interest thereon: And, that having ascertained the same, they do cause to be prepared proper obligations in the name of the Museum Company to M<sup>r</sup> Dunn, for the payment of the same with interest, in one year from this date, and also for indemnifying and securing him against loss or damage, by reason of any and all bonds and mortgages made for a part of the purchase money of the entire property heretofore sought of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Joseph Barnes: And, that they further cause to be prepared, good and sufficient mortgages as well of the real estate about to be conveyed to the Company by M<sup>r</sup> Dunn, as the revenues and income of the Company of whatsoever sort, for further securing the payment and satisfaction of the said obligations to M<sup>r</sup> Dunn - And, that the said chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, on receiving from M<sup>r</sup> Dunn a conveyance, such as he has offered to make, do in their official capacities

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aforesaid execute the said obligations, and mortgages on the name and behalf of the Philadelphia Museum Company, affixing thereto the Corporate Seal, and acknowledging the same, and to deliver the said obligations and mortgages duly executed to M<sup>r</sup> Dunn.

3rd Resolved - That a pursuance of the powers vested in the Board by the Stockholders of the Company at their late Meeting one thousand shares of new Stock be now created, and that the President and Treasurer be instructed to issue certificates for the said shares of new stock, in the names of Messrs J Cowperthwait, F<sup>m</sup> D Lewis and I Elliott or any two of them, or in such other names, as they or a majority of them (continuing to be as now members of the Committee of Finance of this Board) shall direct.

4th Resolved. - That the Committee of Finance be authorized to make sales of the New stock now created on the best terms they can procure, not less than fifty dollars per share, or at their discretion to pledge the same as security for the payment of the principal and interest of any loans they may make for the use of the Company.

5th Resolved, That the Committee of Finance be instructed to take such measures as they shall judge expedient, either by the sale or pledge of the new stock, to provide all necessary funds for the completion and furniture of the new Museum building and for the regular payment of the interest on the engagement of the Company -

Organization  
of Board  
38.

Stated Meeting for organization No quorum present.

Adjourned Meeting JAN<sup>y</sup> 19/30

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patterson Kane Parrish Elliott Sellers Peale

D<sup>r</sup> Patterson was called to the chair

The meeting proceeded to the election of Officers by Ballot

W. Dunn duly President

J Cowperthwait Treasurer

F Peale Secretary

Ad<sup>d</sup> F Peale, Secy.

Special Meeting

Friday 23 Jan

No quorum present

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Special Meeting of the Directors held at the F New Building

February 28/ 1838

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dunn Cowperthwaite Patterson Elliott & Sellers

The President in the chair

Fitting up

Resolved that the fitting up of the interior of the New Museum be referred to the building committee with an earnest request that they proceed without delay - and also with power to make arrangements for the flagging of the pavement.

Resolved

That so much of the report of the Manager as relates to the fitting up, furnishing, and removal of Specimens be referred to a committee to consist of Mess<sup>rs</sup> F Peale, H Dunn, & R M Patterson & that one thousand dollars be placed at their disposal

Resolved

That so much of the Managers report as relates to the letter of Caytas Simmons & the letter be laid on the table

Resolved

That an order be drawn on the Treasurer for two thousand one hundred & six dollars, 66/100 in favour of H Dunn for interest on Loan.

Adjourned

Geo Zeeck Sellers

Secretary P.T.

Special Meeting

April 4th 1838

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cowperthwaite Sellers Parriah Sellers Lewis Patterson & Peale.

Mr Cowperthwaite in the chair

The Managers report was read and ordered to be filed.

Resolved - That the Treas<sup>r</sup> be requested to furnish an a/c of the Money paid to the Architect or a/c of the Building.

Cellar

Resolved. That the renting and price of the Cellars be referred to the building committee with power to act as they shall deem best for the interest of the Company.

Resolved That Mr Kane be added to the furnishing Com<sup>ee</sup>.

Resolved that the item of music for the Museum be referred to the furnishing Committee with power to act definitively -

Whereas Nathan Dunn Esq has made application through a member of the Board, for a lease of the lower Saloon of the Hall,  
 Lower Saloon  
 for Dunn

Resolved that the following of lease be proposed.

1st. That the lease be granted for the term of \_\_\_\_ years.

2nd, That the Hall be used only for the exhibition of the Curiosities collected by Mr Dunn, or is of such as may hereafter be added to it.

3rd That this collection shall not be exhibited at a price less than that charged by the Museum

Lease terms

4th. That the price to be paid for this saloon, and the special terms of the lease, be referred to two individuals, one to be named by this Board, and the other by Mr Dunn, - but that their recommendations be subject to the adoption of the parties respectively.

5th That Mr \_\_\_\_\_ be the referee named by this Board -

And the said resolutions being under consideration it was on motion

Lease

Resolved. That the same be referred to a committee of three members, with full powers to negotiate with Mr Dunn as to the terms on which his scientific collection shall be accommodated in new Museum, upon the basis of the foregoing resolutions, or otherwise at their discretion & report the same to this Board for their approval.

Mr Kane Mr Lewis & Mr Cowperthwait were appointed by the Chair a committee for the above purpose.

Resolved That the Special Thanks of the Board be presented to Mrs Charlotte Hyde for her valuable donation of the Shells, corals starfish fossils &c collected by her late husband William Hyde Esquire.

Mrs Hyde

Resolved: That this extensive collection be placed separately in a conspicuous situation in the New Museum and distinguished as the "Hyde Collection"



Resolved - That there be hereby granted to N<sup>th</sup> Hyde a right of free admission to the Museum for life.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be communicated to N<sup>th</sup> Hyde by the President of the Board

Adjourned  
Franklin Peale  
Secretary B.D.

Special Meeting June 4th 1878

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patterson Cowperthwaite Sellers Elliott Furrish & Peale

Dr Patterson in the chair, who stated that this meeting was called for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee on the lower Saloon.

The Committee reported that having conferred with N<sup>th</sup> Dunn, they agreed with him to invite Mess<sup>rs</sup> F Brown & A D Cash to recommend to the two parties to the two parties the rent which should be fixed between them for a lease for 5 or 7 years & that they yesterday received from those Gentlemen a Statement of their opinion, which the Committee now presented to the Board & which is as follows.

Lease to  
Mr Dunn

The undersigned having been requested by a Committee of the Philadelphia Museum Comp<sup>y</sup> to fix the Rent to be paid by Nathan Dunn Esq for the period of ten years, of the first floor of the New Museum building are of opinion that the same should be sixteen hundred Dollars per ann

Lease

Philadelphia June 5. 1878  
Fred Brown  
& A D Cash

The Bd thereupon took the subject into consideration, & it was resolved that the Bd, in the view of the rental of other properties now leased for public uses in the city, feel themselves compelled to decline acceding to the terms of lease recommended by Mess Brown & Cash. Whereupon the Committee were authorized to propose the following terms of lease to Nathan Dunn Esquire 1st The lease shall include the lower Saloon; the use of the entrance of the ticket room on the north side of the vestibule, and of the double cellar, connected with the ticket room by a stairway

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- 2nd. The fittings for the collection, shall be made by Mr Dunn and be his own property: this provision to include the arrangements for lighting, except as to the pipes already placed at the expense of the Company, the vestibule to be lighted by the Company.
- 3rd The rooms are to used only for the exhibition of Mr Dunn's Asiatic collection, or of such articles as he may hereafter add to it.
- 4th The collection shall not be exhibited at a price less than that charged by the Museum.
- 5th The terms of the lease shall be 7 years
- 6th The rent shall be 2500 dollars, per Annum, payable quarterly.

Special Meeting

July 2nd 1838.

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patterson Cowperthwait Kane Elliott Parrish & Peale

Museum ready  
for Exhibi-  
tion

Mr Cowperthwait was invited to take the chair, and when seated announced to the Bd the report of the furnishing & arrangements committee, that the Museum was ready for exhibition in the New hall and that this meeting was called to make preliminary arrangements on this most important occasion.

A variety of desultory remarks followed, and several of the members of the board gave their views of the value of Stock &c.

It was then resolved.

That the B Committee be requested to have an insurance effected on the Building of 30 000 dollars, on the most favorable terms that can be procured.

Id Baltimore

Mr Elliott was appointed a Committee with power to negotiate for the sale of the Portrait of Lord Baltimore, for which the large landscape at the end of the room has been substituted.

Adj<sup>d</sup>

Franklin Peale

Sec<sup>y</sup>

Special Meeting July 20/38

Present

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patterson Kane Elliott Cowperthwait & Secretary

Dr Patterson in the chair.

Collections  
to Sea. Exp.  
Expedition

Mr Kane informed the Board, that he had, by a letter addressed to the Secretary of War, invited that officer to deposit with the Museum Company whatever collections may be made by the S.S. Exploring Expedition now about to sail, under an engagement on the part of the Company that they shall be suitably preserved and exhibited, as a deposit made by the U States, and that he had received in reply the following letter via<sup>1</sup>,

Navy department

14th July 1839.

"Sir

Your letter of the 10th inst. addressed to the Secretary of War, has been referred to me.

S Sea  
Expedition

The offer of the "Philadelphia Museum Company" to take charge of the specimens in Natural History which may be collected by the Exploring Expedition, is accepted, and I request that the engagement of the "Company to receive from the Government and preserve such collections as shall be made by the Expedition may be forwarded to this Department

I am very respectfully

your obedt Servt

J K Paulding.

J K Kane Esq.

Philadelphia

Whereupon it was resolved.

1. That the Philad Museum Comp hereby engages to the U. States of Am<sup>a</sup> that it will receive from time to time whatever collections in Natural History or Art may be transmitted to this country by the S.S. Exploring Expedition, and will preserve and exhibit the same among the collections of the Museum.
2. That the collections so depos<sup>d</sup> shall always be subject to the orders of the government of the U States
- 3 That the President and Secretary do transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Secretary of the Navy, attested by the corporate seal of the Company - and that they express to the Secretary of the Navy, the acknowledgements of this Board for the testimonial of his confidence contained in his letter of the

14th int to J K Kane Esquire."

Resolved

Execution  
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That a Com<sup>ee</sup> of three be appointed to be designated the Execution Com<sup>ee</sup>, who shall represent the Board of Directors in all matters, connected with the conduct and management of the Museum, which may require action during the recesses between the Meetings of the Board, with authority to act in its name

The Com<sup>ee</sup> for the above purpose consists of the following named Com<sup>t</sup>

Franklin Peale  
Dr E E Patterson  
J K Kane

Adjourned

Franklin Peale,  
Sec<sup>y</sup>

Special Meeting Sep 3rd 1838  
Present Dr Patterson Elliott Sellers & Peale No quorum  
of consequence Adj<sup>d</sup> J Peale  
Sec<sup>y</sup>

Special Meeting Sep 15th 1838  
Present

Mess Patterson Elliott Sellers Comperthwait Kane & Peale  
Dr Patterson in the Chair

Lease to  
Mr Dunn

The form of a lease for the lower Saloon of the Museum to Nathan Dunn Esq was submitted to the Board, and after due consideration, it was

Resolved - That the said lease be assented to by this Board, except so much of it as gives to Nathan Dunn Esq the option of continuing his lease for seven years longer, upon the same terms, after the expiration of his lease for ten years.

Resolved - that the Pres<sup>t</sup> pro. tem of this Meeting, and the Secretary of the Board be authorized and instructed to execute, with Nathan Dunn Esq the lease thus modified, and which is as follows, and that this Minute be their authority for action accordingly

Adj d J Peale  
Sec<sup>y</sup>



Copy of Lease to N Dunn Esq of the lower Saloon of New Hall

This Indenture, made the twenty second day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, between the Philadelphia Museum Company on the one part and Nathan Dunn of the City of Philadelphia Esquire of the other part Witnesseth that The Philadelphia Museum Company aforesaid as well for and in consideration of the payment of the Rent and performance of the covenants and agreements herein after reserved and expressed and contained which on the part and behalf of the said Nathan Dunn his Executors Administrators or Assigns, are and ought to be paid performed and kept - have granted devised set and to form let and by these presents do grant devise Set and to form let unto the said Nathan Dunn his Executors Administrators and Assigns All that the lower Saloon in the New building lately erected by the Philadelphia Museum Company aforesaid at the North east Corner of Ninth and George Streets in the Said City of Philad. Commencing at the north vestibule at the Main entrance on Ninth Street and extending South the entire width of the building to the north wall of the Lecture Room being in length about one hundred and Sixty feet more or less, also the Ticket Room on the North Side of the vestibule And the double cellar connected with the Ticket Room by a Stairway together with the Right & Privilege of Ingress Egress and Regress into and from said Saloon by the four several doors thereof through the Main or front entrance of the said Building facing Ninth Street do hold the same with the appurtenances unto the said Nathan Dunn his Executors or Administrators and assigns to and for his and their only use for and during and to the full end and term of Ten Years from and after the first day of September next and untill the said term shall be fully complete and ended - Yielding, and paying therefor and thereon unto The Philadelphia Museum Company aforesaid their successors and assigns the yearly rent or Sum of one thousand and six hundred dollars lawfull Silver Money of the United States of America in four equal and even quarterly paymets of four hundred Dollars each an aforesaid each on the first days of the Months December March June and September of each and every year during

the said term and the first quarterly payment (thereof) to be made on the first day of December next ensuing the date hereof And on default of Payment of the Said hereby reserved yearly Rent on the days and times and in the way and manner herein above specified Therefore or performance of the Covenants and agreements herein after mentioned to be performed on the part of the said Nathan Dunn his Executors Administrators and Assigns, it shall be lawfull for the Philadelphia Museum Company aforesaid and their successors to enter and distrain or to re-enter into or upon the said hereby devised premises with the appurtenances and the said Nathan Dunn his Executors Administrators & Assigns to expel and remove or sue for and recover the Rent hereby reserved and all damages by action of debt or covenant according to law usage and custom in the State of Pennsylvania in such cases, And the said Nathan Dunn for himself his Executors Administrators and Assigns doth hereby covenant and agree with the Philadelphia Museum Company aforesaid their Successors and Assigns that the Saloon hereby assigned shall be used and occupied by them or him during the hereby devised term solely and exclusively for the exhibition of the Asiatic Collection now owned and possessed by him the said Nathan Dunn together with such additions thereto as may hereafter be made, that all expense for fitting up and lighting the Said Saloon for such exhibition (except so far as the preparations for such lighting have already been made by Said Company) shall be borne by Said Nathan Dunn his Executors Administrators and assigns, that all visitors to said Exhibition shall be charged not less than twenty five cents children half price (excepting such persons as said Nathan Dunn may chose to admit free of any charge and excepting also such other persons as Said Nathan Dunn may by arrangement admit by annual or life subscriptions

Also that the said Nathan Dunn his Executors Administrators and Assigns Shall and will during all the hereby devised Term well and punctually pay or cause to be paid to the Philadelphia Museum Company aforesaid Their Successors and Assigns the said hereby reserved yearly Rent of and at the end and expiration of the said hereby devised term Shall and will peacefully and

quietly yield surrender and deliver up all the Said hereby devised Premises with appurtenances in a good order and repair as the same are now in common wear and tear and unavoidable accidents by Fire or otherwise only excepted, And also that the said Nathan Dunn his Executors Administrators and Assigns shall not or will Sell or assign this lease or the hereby devised Term or any part thereof to any person or persons whatsoever without the consent and approbation of the Philadelphia Company aforesaid their Successors and assigns first had and obtained in writing. And the Philadelphia Museum Company aforesaid for themselves their Successors and assigns hereby covenant and agree with the Said Nathan Dunn his Executors Administrators and Assigns that he or they paying the said yearly Rent of one thousand six hundred dollars, in way and Manner herein above Specified therefor and performing all the Covenants and agreements herein contained on this and their part to be done and performed shall and may at all times during the said hereby devised Term peaceable and quietly hereby have use and occupy and enjoy all and singular the premises hereby devised with all the privileges and appurtenances without any let Solt or Hindrance of them The Philadelphia Museum Company" aforesaid their Successors and Assigns Or of any person or persons whatsoever claiming under them. And also that they shall and will during the said Term cause the vestibule to be lighted at the expense of the said Museum Company. And also that of the said Asiatic Collection shall at any time during the said devised term be so injured by fire as to render it unfit for public exhibition then this Lease and all agreements therein contained shall be forthwith cancelled and the Term then to come and unexpired therein shall cease and determine

Also, That all the fixtures and preparations used for and in said Exhibition shall belong to and be considered the Sole and exclusive Property of the said Nathan Dunn his Executors administrators and assigns.

In witness whereof the Philadelphia Museum Company aforesaid have here unto set and affixed their Common or Corporate Seal And the Said Nathan Dunn has hereunto Set his hand and Seal



Dunn interchangeably the day and year first written

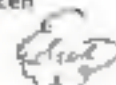
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In the Presence of

Wm B Langdon  
John Beckel



Nathan Dunn



R M Patterson

President pro tempore

Franklin Peale

Secretary

Special Meeting

November 1838

Present

D<sup>r</sup> Patterson Mess- Kane Sellers Cooperthwaite & Peale

D<sup>r</sup> Patterson in the chair

Sarcophagus

A Committee was appointed to Memorialize Councils for the deposit of a Sarcophagus brought by Commodore Elliott from the Mediterranean in the Collection of the Museum

Esq<sup>s</sup> Elliott and Kane were appointed for the above purpose

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A Letter from Benjamin Peale was referred to the Executive Committee with power to act

A Letter from E Peale was referred also to the Executive Com<sup>ee</sup> with power.

The Treasurer a/c was presented and referred to the Building Committee

Mess Dunn

Sellers

Parriah &

Peale

Taxes.

The President M<sup>r</sup> Kane & Secretary were appointed a Committee to memorialize the Legislature of the State for the remission of the taxes on Museum Building

Adjourned

Peale

Secretary

Special Meeting

Dec 20th 1838

M<sup>r</sup> Dunn in the chair

Present Mess Patterson Kane Cooperthwaite Sellers Parriah & Peale

The Committee on Sarcophagus Reported progress -



Also the Committees on H & E Peale's Letters, the Treasurers  
a/c & Memorial to Councils - reported progress -

Insurance The Committee on Insurance reported progress having in-  
sured in the Office of the Fire & Inland Navigation Office  
to the amount of 15,000 dollar - & were instructed to insure  
to the extent of 25,000 dollar - additional

The Building Committee was instructed to insure the Col-  
lection to the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars.

Temp<sup>y</sup> The Subject of a Temporary Manager was introduced by  
Manager. M<sup>r</sup> Cooperthwait and after considerable discussion was referred  
to the President and M<sup>r</sup> Cooperthwait with power to act.

M<sup>r</sup> Rembrandt Peale was invited to deliver the first lec-  
ture in the Lecture Room of the Museum - Ad<sup>d</sup>

Franklin Peale  
Secretary,

Special Meeting

Jan<sup>y</sup> 5th 39

The President in the Chair

Members present Dr Patterson & Messrs Cooperthwait Parrish  
& Peale.

The Executive Committee reported the performance of sundry  
duties referred to by letters of H & E Peale.

The President laid before the Board the Resignation of  
F Peale as Secretary of the Board which was accepted.

The President & M<sup>r</sup> Cooperthwait to whom was referred the  
consideration of the business of temporary Management of the  
Museum with power to take order thereon. Reported that an  
arrangement for one month had been made with Mr J J Smith Ju<sup>nr</sup>.  
& that the Exhibitions were proceeding with satisfactory results.

M<sup>r</sup> Cooperthwait & Secret<sup>y</sup> were appointed a Committee to  
draw up the Annual report

Adj<sup>d</sup>

F Peale  
Secret<sup>y</sup> F.T.

Annual Meeting

1839

Annual  
Meeting of  
Stockholders  
1839

At a Meeting of the Stockholders of the Philadelphia Museum  
held at the Museum pursuant to a notice from the Board of Di-  
rectors, Jan<sup>y</sup> of 1839 Thomas S Taylor Esq was called to the

chair and John J Smith appointed Secretary

The Annual Report of the Board of Directors was read and ordered to be put on file -

Thomas S Taylor and Morgan Ash were appointed Judges, who after the Election reported that -

Nathan Dunn  
R H Patterson  
J Cowperthwaite  
Isaac Elliott  
J K Kane  
Franklin Peale  
W<sup>m</sup> D Lewis  
G B Sellers &  
J J Smith Jun<sup>r</sup>

were duly elected Directors for the Current year

J<sup>no</sup> J Smith

Thomas S Taylor

Secretary

Chairman

List of votes received at the foregoing Meeting

Joseph Cowperthwaite	Treasurer	907	votes
Alfred Harrold	by Proxy	42	
Coleman Sellers	do	106	
	by Peale		
Chauncy & Broome	do	220	
J Cowperthwaite		3	
Reeves Garrig & Co	do	44	
J Garrison	do	44	
Tally List	Hugh Early (do)	21	
	J K Kane & F Peale do	104	
	T S Taylor	1	
	Morgan Ash	1	
	R H Patterson	2	
	J J Smith Jun <sup>r</sup>	1	
	Isaac Elliott	1	
		1491	

Tally of votes received for Directors of the Philadelphia Museum Received the 7th January 1879

Signed

Thomas S Taylor

Morgan Ash

Judges

Certificate  
of Judges

Copy of Certificate of Judges.

We the Subscribers judges of an election for Directors of the Philadelphia Museum held this day do certify that the following Gentlemen were duly elected Directors for the ensuing year,  
Viz<sup>t</sup>

Nathan Dunn  
S E Patterson  
J Couperthwaite  
Isaac Elliott  
J K Kane  
Franklin Peale  
Wm D Lewis  
G E Sellers  
John J Smith Jun<sup>r</sup>

Signed Norman Ash  
Thos S Taylor  
Judges

Filed  
Jan<sup>y</sup> of the 1839.

1<sup>st</sup> Meeting  
of  
Directors  
1839

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Company was held after the election at which

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Patterson  
Couperthwaite  
Peale  
Elliott &  
Smith were present

D<sup>r</sup> Patterson was called to the Chair & Franklin Peale appointed Secretary.

Election  
&  
Organization  
of Board of  
Directors  
1839.

The Meeting then proceeded to the Election by Ballot of a President, S<sup>r</sup> Elliott being Teller, who reported N Dunn Esq unanimously re elected Pres<sup>t</sup>.

The Meeting then appointed J J Smith Jun<sup>r</sup> Treasurer & Secretary

after which the Meeting Adj<sup>d</sup>

Franklin Peale  
Secretary.

Special Meeting Jan 12, 1835

Present

E <sup>r</sup> Dunn	E <sup>r</sup> Sellers
D <sup>r</sup> Patterson	E <sup>r</sup> Peale
E <sup>r</sup> Kane	E <sup>r</sup> Smith

The following communication from the Secretary & Treasurer  
 Letter from      was read and ordered to be placed on the Minutes.  
 Secy. & Treas.

To the Board of Directors Museum Company of Philadelphia.  
 Gentlemen. You have honored me with an appointment of trust & profit, to which in truth, in the common acceptation of the meaning of the office which I am to endeavor to fill, I have no claim of aster or over-seer of such a collection as that of the Philadelphia Museum requires a man of Science & acquainted with the mode of setting up & displaying articles of Natural History. But you have been pleased to appoint me the Secretary & Treasurer, and in fact the actuary of the Museum, under an impression that I could and would attend to the detail of the establishment, and use my utmost endeavors to get the company as far released from debt, that no anxiety on that score shall be felt. In this I hope to be successful, but success does not always permanently crown the gains; if sustained by the countenance of the members of the Board, as I have this far been, I hope to accomplish something which may tell well in the history of the company. I think the Board will require other aid at times from Science.

There is one matter to which I wish distinctly to draw your attention at this time, in order that there may be no future complaint or hard feelings. When first solicited to fill the situation I distinctly stated the nature of my previous engagements, one of which occupying the afternoon, left me little time for exercise or recreation. I stated moreover that by having regular hours at the Museum, when I could as certainly be found as any public officer, I hoped entirely to obviate any serious objection in the fact that no very great portion of my time could be ~~spent~~<sup>occupied</sup> at the Museum building, however actively my mind might be occupied in furthering the interests of



the company when not present in person. A short experience has shown me that my regular hours at the Library, where my assistant fulfills the most arduous duties of a Librarian, subserve the cause of the Museum, as many persons call there on business connected with this Institution.

At least an hour or two in the morning, and more less time in the evening, as business will require, will be spent at the Museum, but beyond this I do not wish it to be understood that I am bound, as my health would not suffice for a larger confinement. This explanation, if it be satisfactory to the Board I wish entered upon the Minutes for future reference.

On Motion of E<sup>r</sup> Dunn Resolved that the compensation to the Treasurer & Secretary be the annual sum of \$2000.00 payable Quarterly, commencing the 1st of Dec, 1838.

A helmet or opusque was presented by Mr J. M. Morse, for which the Secretary was directed to return a vote of thanks.

Executive  
Committee  
discharged

On Motion of D<sup>r</sup> Patterson: - Whereas, the functions of the Executive Committee are now entrusted to the Secretary and Treasurer: -

Resolved, that this committee be discharged.

Committee on  
Collections

Resolved, that the charge of the collection of Natural History & Miscellaneous Curiosities of the Museum be entrusted to a committee of two members viz Franklin Peale & R.M. Patterson.

Committee on  
Pictures

Resolved, That the Gallery of portraits and pictures of the Museum be entrusted to a committee of two members, viz, J. K. Kane, & G. E. Sellers

Committee on  
Library

Resolved, That the Library of the Museum be entrusted to a committee of two members viz: - W<sup>r</sup> Smith & H<sup>r</sup> P. Peale

Committee on  
Building

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to have charge of the building, viz Messrs Dunn & Peale.

Removing  
2d  
Stairway

Resolved, That the subject of removing the stairway & introducing the Schuylkill Water be referred to the committee on Building with power to act

Adjourned

Jno. J. Smith Secy.

Meeting of Directors

April 1, 1839

Present

Jas. Comperthwait

Jno. W. Kane

R. M. Patterson

Jno. J. Smith Jr

An application to rent the Saloon for the Bachelor Ball for the sum of Two hundred dollars was declined.

The Treasurer exhibited a statement of the accounts of the quarter with the vouchers. Adjourned.

Meeting of Directors

Sept 27, 1839

Present

R. M. Patterson

Isaac Elliott

W. D. Lewis

J. W. Kane

J. J. Smith Jr.

On Motion of Mr Lewis Mr Smith was authorized to have one or two rows of seat in the Lecture room altered, with a view to its ultimate improvement.

The Treasurer reported that it appears by the receipts that once the Museum was opened as a Concert room, one hundred & eighty thousand persons have been in the room, say in nine months.

Resolved, That Mr. W. B. Freston be presented with a season ticket for the present year & for the year 1840.  
Also one to Miss Hyde.

Meeting of the Directors

Oct. 30, 1839.

Present

E. Dunn

D<sup>r</sup> Patterson

Er Kane

Er Peale

Er Smith

Resolved that a charge of one dollar be made on every

share of stock transferred, and that the Secretary be authorised to remit the same at his discretion.

A communication from a committee of the Temperance Society soliciting the use of the large Saloon free of charge was laid before the Meeting.

On Motion, it was Resolved That the Saloon may be rented to the applicants for the sum of one hundred dollars.

Adjourned.

Meeting of the Directors

Nov 14, 1839

Present

Mr Dunn

Mr Kane

Mr Elliott

Mr Peale

Mr Smith

Mr Smith announced his determination to give up the situation of Treasurer & Secretary on the first of January proximo; or sooner if a person can be found to supply his place.

On Motion of Mr Kane seconded by Mr Dunn, Resolved,

That in order to retain Mr Smiths services he be at liberty to devolve all the duties of Manager of Museum for the present on Mr George Campbell, Mr Smith being urgently requested to retain the Treasureship at least till the annual election.

Mr Peale was appointed Secretary

## Meeting of the Directors

Dec 13th. 1839

Present

J. Gasparthweit

B. Patterson

Isaac Elliott

Fethian Dunn

J. J. Smith Jr

The following by-laws were unanimously adopted & ordered to be printed in connection with the Charter.

## BY-LAWS.

ADOPTED BY THE DIRECTORS,

DECEMBER 13th, 1839.

*Officers of the Board.*

*Article 1.* The directors shall be chosen by ballot, annually, on the first Monday of January in every year, between the hours of 3 and 7 P. M., of which ten days' notice shall be given by the secretary in at least two daily newspapers of the city.

*Art. 2.* The election shall be opened by the secretary, with the assistance of two stockholders present, who shall be judges of the election, and conduct the same in a regular and proper manner, ascertain the persons highest in votes, declare the same, and forthwith notify the persons so elected.

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*Art. 3.* The election shall be opened by the secretary, with the assistance of two stockholders present, who shall be judges of the election, and conduct the same in a regular and proper manner, ascertain the persons highest in votes, declare the same, and forthwith notify the persons so elected.

*Art. 4.* The board shall hold stated meetings on the first Monday according to the election, and on the first Wednesday of each month.

*Art. 5.* Special meetings may be called by the president on the request of two members. Five members shall constitute a board for the transaction of business.

*Art. 6.* The officers of the board shall consist of a president or moderator, and a secretary, who shall be appointed by the board at the first meeting, and a clerk and a treasurer shall be chosen.

*Art. 7.* The president shall preside at the meetings,



regulate the order of business, call special meetings at the request of two members of the board, and appoint sub-committees.

Art. 6. The secretary shall receive the minutes of the board, keep an accurate record of their proceedings, and shall give due notice of the sessions, and of the meetings of the board, and of the annual meeting.

Art. 7. In case of the absence of the president or secretary from any meeting of the board, a president and secretary pro tempore may be appointed.

Art. 8. The treasurer shall have charge of the assets belonging to the corporation, and shall make all transfers of the same; paying over to the persons of interest the board shall direct, and shall be authorized, with receipt of the standing committee or committees hereinafter mentioned, to make all special contracts, especially for purposes and advantages to the corporation. He shall require a double receipt, and other proper securities, from the beneficiaries to whom he disburses, and shall take the advice of all persons according to the by-laws.

Art. 9. A standing committee, consisting of one director, shall be appointed by the board, who, when the board is not in session, shall represent it. He shall receive the annual salary fixed by the board, or one cent, from the treasurer, and copy all correspondence in a regular book provided for the purpose, requiring each item to be properly recorded. He shall receive and disburse the money according to the orders of the board.

#### For Directors

Art. 10. The director shall attend personally during a hour of exhibition or first take charge of the exhibition.

money paid by visitors, keeping a regular daily account of the same; he shall pay the wages and other necessary expenses incident to the management of the Museum, by and with the advice of the treasurer, and the standing committee of one. He shall undertake collect and prepare for the Museum objects of natural history, and other curiosities; he shall attend to the careful preservation of the different articles in the collection; and he shall replace all deficient and injured specimens when practicable. He shall keep a list of all donations, and, in general, conform to the instructions of the treasurer, and of the board, to whom he shall report any instances of improper conduct to visitors on the part of the persons employed. He shall also see that no improper company be admitted into the Museum.

#### THE COLLECTION.

Art. 11. All specimens placed in the Museum shall be, as far as practicable, methodically arranged, and distinctly labelled. Each article shall be accompanied by a label, giving its scientific and its common name, and the locality from whence it was obtained, when this is known, and if presented to the Museum, the name of the donor.

Art. 12. For the purpose of increasing and improving the collection, the treasurer and curator are authorized to exchange duplicate and imperfect specimens for such as may be required in the collection; a careful record of such exchanges being kept.

Art. 13. Specimens that shall be deemed useless to the Museum, may be sold on a resolution of the board to that effect; and the money arising therefrom shall be appropriated exclusively to the improvement of the collection.

Art. 14. Specimens belonging to the collection shall not be loaned from the Museum, nor shall the same be opened except by authority of the treasurer, or of the board.

Art. 15. Specimens may be received on deposit for such period, and under such conditions, as may be agreed upon between the depositor and the curator and treasurer.

Art. 16. The curator shall present to the board at their stated meetings in January, April, July and October, a report on the state of the Museum, mentioning all additions which have been made of specimens of natural history, curiosities of any kind, apparatus, models, paintings and drawings; giving a list of the donations, with the names of the donors; and of the exchanges which have been made.

Art. 17. The Museum shall be open daily throughout the year, except on Sundays, at the rate of twenty-five cents for day admissions, except for children under ten years of age, who shall be admitted at half price; and the rooms may be used for such a series of other entertainments and exhibitions as the treasurer, with the advice of the committee of management, may decide upon. The rooms may occasionally be let to societies or individuals by the treasurer, and the said standing committee, on such terms as can be obtained. Provided, that the said entertainments shall be proper and desirable, and shall commence, continue, and close at reasonable hours.

#### ADMISSION.

Art. 18. The stockholders shall at all times have free admission to the Museum, or may, in lieu of a personal privilege, annually receive twenty-five transferable tickets.

of admission. Provided, however, that if any of the above named shares, or that of a son or son, should be sold, it may be retained by the transferee provided he or she is a descendant of the donor, and that, if he or she has no living descendant of his family he is to make a new will, then.

Art. 18. From admission to the Massachusetts Society, and when the admission has not been effected, no other for any kind or other contribution, shall be allowed to the financial demands of the Society, Charles William Pratt, president, the said Society, in answer to the Treasurer's annual list of the Society, to be made by the deposit of a suitable sum, and to such other persons as may have the privilege granted to them by a proper resolution of the Society.

Art. 19. From admission to all other to the Massachusetts Society, shall be allowed to the Treasurer for the time being, such persons as shall have served in that capacity, or in the capacity of trustee, in years past, shall have served during the year.

Art. 20. These by-laws may at any time be amended, altered or amended by the Board at any regular meeting.

Art. 21. All former by-laws are hereby repealed.

Isaac Elliott was appointed  
Secretary & requested to attend to  
the duties of the office at the  
next election. Adjourned.

At a meeting of the Directors

Dec 21, 1839

Present

J. Cowperthwait D<sup>r</sup> Patterson

J. J. Smith Jr

who not forming a quorum

Adjourned



## At a Meeting of the Directors

Jan 10, 1840

## Present

Mr Dunn                      Mr Smith  
 Dr Patterson              Mr Cowperthwaite  
 Mr Peale

The proceedings of a meeting of Stockholders and the results of the election were read, viz: -

At a Meeting of the Stockholders of the Stockholders of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Co, held on Monday Jan 6, 1840.

Col. W.P. Smith was called to the chair and Thomas S. Taylor appointed Secretary

The Annual report of the Directors showing the statement of the affairs of the company was read and approved

And on Motion the Meeting adjourned

W.P. Smith

Chairman

Attest Thom. S. Taylor

## Statement

The Museum Receipts for 1839 have been \$39,215.62

Incidental Expenses, wages

Salaries, back debts, Arcade rent &c. \$28,420.87

Permanent improvements                      7,497.22

Interest to Bank U.S                      2,993.06

Cash on hand                      704.47

\$39,215.62

Due Bk U.S for which

Stock is pledged                      \$98,993.94

Due W. Dunn                      11,426.68

Whole debt \$110,420.62

Nine thousand stockholders evening tickets have been distributed & returned besides ninety stockholders season tickets.

Note. The usual average receipts of the Museum had been heretofore \$7,200.00

The Philadelphia Museum Co.,

January 6, 1840

Return of the Election

We the subscribers Judges of an Election held at the Museum the sixth day of January 1840, agreeably to the charter and By-laws for the election of nine Directors for the Management of the affairs of the Corporation for the ensuing year do certify that the following is a true return of the Election & that Nathan Dunn, Robert M. Patterson, Joseph Cowperthwait, Isaac Elliott, John K. Kane, Franklin Peale, W<sup>m</sup>. D. Lewis, John J. Smith Jr and Frederick Brown were duly elected Directors for the ensuing year.

Nathan Dunn	received	959 votes
Jos. Cowperthwait	"	959 "
Isaac Elliott	"	959 "
John K. Kane	"	924 "
Franklin Peale	"	969 "
W <sup>m</sup> . D. Lewis	"	959 "
John J. Smith Jr	"	969 "
F. Brown	"	968 "
Frederick Praley	"	44 "
Thomas B. Taylor	"	1

Attest.	Geo. Campbell	Judges of Election
	Thos. B. Taylor	
	* Isaac Elliott	

The Report having been read Dr Patterson was called to the chair, & J. J. Smith Jr appointed Sec<sup>y</sup> pro tem.

Frederick Brown tendered his resignation as a member of the Board & Geo. Campbell Esq. was elected in his place.

The By-Laws adopted on the 13th of December last were adopted by the Board.

On Motion of Mr Smith, Mr Dunn was Elected President of the Board, and Isaac Elliott Secretary.

On Motion Mr Geo. Campbell was appointed Treasurer at a Salary of \$1000.

On Motion of Dr Patterson, Mr Smith was appointed the standing committee of 1840 under the 9th Article of the By-Laws.

On Motion of Mr Dunn the Treasurer was authorized to purchase for the sum of \$75.00 a share of stock sold to James Forten a colored man by Edmund Peale when the agent of the company, though the share belonged to a private person, Forten having been informed that he could visit the Museum with his family in the evenings, which has always been against the regulations of the establishment.

Franklin Peale & Dr J. M. Patterson were appointed to have charge of the collection, Mr Smith & Peale of the library, Mr Dunn & Peale of the Building. Messrs Elliott & Kane to apply to the Legislature to procure the exemption of the building from taxation. Adjourned,

At a Meeting of the Directors

April 1. 1840

Present

Dr Patterson

Mr Campbell

who not being a quorum adjourned to meet at the usual time -

At a Special Meeting of the Directors

June 26. 1840

Present Mess	Gowperthwaite	Campbell
	Patterson	Smith
	Kane	Elliott
	Peale	

The following communication from the Bank of the United States was read and considered

George Campbell Esq	Bank of the U S.
Treasurer Phila Mus Co	June 23 1840
Sir	

On the first proximo there will be due from you \$2969 82/100 for 6m interest on \$98993.94 the amount of your loan from the Bank.

I am respectfully

J. Andrews A Cash<sup>r</sup>

And on Motion the entire subject was referred to Messrs Kane  
Dunn & Campbell to report on the same at a subsequent Meeting

Adjourned

At a Special Meeting of the Directors

October 23, 1840

Present. Messrs Dunn	Peale
Lewis	Campbell
Kane	Smith

Mr Kane made a communication on the subject of the debt due  
to the Bank of the United States.

William D Lewis Esq made a claim for the sum of \$2000  
and interest for that amount advanced by him during the pro-  
gress of the building in the absence of the Treasurer

On Motion of Mr Dunn a Committee consisting of Messrs Lewis  
& Patterson were appointed to audit the accounts of the Company  
from the commencement of the building to the present time and  
to ascertain the amount of its indebtedness and its present  
condition

Resolved that Mr Smith be instructed to cancel the pre-  
sent policy of Insurance and take out one in another office to  
the same amount and to inquire at what rate a similar or great-  
er amount can be insured on the collection.

On Motion of Mr Lewis Resolved that Mr Peale be requested  
to make an estimate of the value of the collection and to re-  
port the same to the board with reference to an insurance.

Adjourned.

At a Special Meeting of the Directors

December 23, 1840

Present Messrs Patterson	Peale
Kane	Campbell who not being

a quorum adjourned to meet on Monday next the 28th Instant at  
3 o'clock P M

At an adjourned Meeting of the Directors

December 28, 1840

Present Messrs Dunn President Patterson Peale  
Kane Lewis Campbell Treasurer Elliot Secy.



On Motion Mess Kane Dunn & Lewis were appointed a Committee to negotiate with the Bank of the United States on the subject of the debt due them by this Institution and to take order on the subject.

A letter from John J. Smith Jr Esq declining a nomination as Director at the ensuing Election was read, and on Motion his request was acceded to and the thanks of the Board were tendered to him for his previous services.

William Gavett present a wooden chair and block made by himself for which the Treasurer was directed to thank him and present him with a ticket of admission for the ensuing year  
Adjourned to meet on Thursday next the 31. Instant at 5 oClock P.M. -

At an adjourned Meeting of the Directors

December 31, 1840

Present Mess Dunn Elliot & Campbell

who not being a quorum

Adjourned

Philadelphia, January 8 1841.

A Meeting of the Board was held this evening, at the Museum at 7 O Clock.-

Present, Messrs. Dunn, Parrish, B. Peale, P. Peale, Elliott, Jones, Flint, Parker, & Lewis. - 9 Members.

Robert A. Parrish, Esqr was called to the Chair & William D. Lewis --- appointed Secretary -

Return of Election

The return of the Judges of the Election held on the 4th Inst, was read, and on motion accepted and ordered to be inserted on the minutes, as follows,

The Philadelphia Museum Company

January 8<sup>th</sup> 1841

Return of Election

We, the Judges of an Election held at the Museum on Monday the fourth day of January 1841, agreeably to the Charter and By-Laws, for the choice of Nine Directors for the ensuing year, do certify, that the following is a true State of the Election, and that the following persons were duly elected Directors for ensuing year A.D. 1841.

Directors  
Elected -

William D. Lewis.	Two Hundred and forty Nine Votes	249.
Franklin Peale	Two Hundred and forty Nine Votes	249.
Isaac Elliott	Two Hundred and forty Eight Votes	248.
William D Flint,	Two Hundred and forty Six Votes	246.
Rembrandt Peale.	Two Hundred and Twenty Seven Votes	227.
Nathan Dunn	One Hundred and Forty Eight Votes	148.
Robert A Parrish.	One Hundred and Twenty Seven Votes	127.
I. Comly Jones	One Hundred and Twenty Five Votes	125.
Joseph Parker,	Two Hundred and Twenty Seven Votes	227.

The name of Joseph Parker in the return following that of Rembrandt Peale.

Witness my hands this fourth day of January 1841.

Attest	Signed,	Jos. Parker	Judges of the
Isaac Elliott -		W P. Sedg	election

The next business in order being the election of President.

**Election of President.** On Motion of N<sup>r</sup> R. Peals. Seconded by N<sup>r</sup> F Peals - Nathan Dunn Esqr. was Nominated for President, whereupon Isaac Elliott, and I Cowly Jones Esqrs were by the Chair appointed tellers, who on receiving the ballots, reported that Nathan Dunn Esqr. had received Eight of the Nine ballots cast. N<sup>r</sup> Dunn having voted for William D Lewis - whereupon N<sup>r</sup> Dunn was disclosed to be duly elected President of the Board for the ensuing year, whereupon N<sup>r</sup> Dunn assumed the Chair -

**Nathan Dunn elected President** On Motion of N<sup>r</sup> Flitz Seconded by N<sup>r</sup> Parker it was resolved to proceed to the election of Secretary whereupon the same tellers being re appointed by the President, after receiving the ballots

**Isaac Elliott elected Secretary** reported that Isaac Elliott had received Eight votes eight only having been given, he was therefore declared to be unanimously elected

On Motion of N<sup>r</sup> Parrish Seconded by N<sup>r</sup> Elliott it was resolved to proceed to the election of a Treasurer, whereupon the same tellers being re appointed, who on receiving the ballots reported 3 Votes had been given for Joseph Parker

**N<sup>r</sup> D. Lewis elected Treasurer**

1	"	"	"	"	"	R A Parrish
5	"	"	"	"	"	N <sup>r</sup> D Lewis

William D Lewis was therefore declared duly elected Treasurer

On Motion of N<sup>r</sup> Elliott Seconded by N<sup>r</sup> Parrish it was resolved that the Board take a recess of 15 Minutes

**Manager's Salary \$800** On re assembling the Board fixed the Salary of the Manager at \$800 per Annum -

The Election of Manager was then gone into, the same Tellers being appointed by the President who received the ballots and reported that 9 Ballots had been received of which Sam. F Griffiths Jr. had 5. &

**Sam. F. Griffiths Jr elected Manager.** Rembrandt Peals received 4 -

Sam. F. Griffiths, Jr was therefore declared duly elected.

On Motion of N<sup>r</sup> Parker, Seconded by N<sup>r</sup> Elliott, it was resolved that a Committee be appointed to revise the Bye Laws, and report the same to the Board - Committee, Mess Parker, & R. Peals -

On Motion of N<sup>r</sup> Parrish Seconded by N<sup>r</sup> P. Peals it was resolved that a Committee, be appointed to examine into the State of the

**Committee on the Condition of the Institu-**

tion Institution, and report the same to the Board. Whereupon Messrs Parrish Parker, B. Feale, Elliott, were appointed.

Memorial from John Wright & Others A Communication from John Wright Containing a Memorial from Sundry Stockholders, relating to the use of Tickets in 1841 issued for 1840 was read and referred to the last named Committee who are instructed to consider the Subject of Transferable tickets generally - Memorial ordered to be filed -

Bills referred to Committee Sundry Bills were also presented which were referred to the above Committee

On Motion of Mr Fling 2<sup>d</sup> by Mr Parker it was resolved, That when the Board adjourns, it adjourns to meet on the call of the last Named Committee

W<sup>m</sup> D. Lewis  
Sec, pro tem  
Philed.<sup>a</sup> January 15 1841

An Adjourned Meeting of the Board was held this evening at 7. O'Clock at the Museum

All the Members present,-

Minutes of the Last meeting read and adopted after some alterations.

On Motion of Mr Lewis, Seconded by Mr B Feale

Resolved. That the Committee of Investigation be authorized to audit and settle all accounts of this Institution, from the Commencement of the Building

Mr Fling added to Committee On Motion of Mr Parker, Mr Fling was added to this Committee

Report from Committee of Investigation The following report from Committee on the State of the Institution was read and accepted and the Resolution therein contained, adopted

The Committee appointed to examine into the condition of the Museum Company, and to whom was referred the Memorial of John Wright and others, asking to be permitted to use tickets issued in 1840 for admissions in 1841 - and generally to consider the Subject of tickets issued, and to be issued the present year

Respectfully Report

That in Conferring with the officers having charge of this branch of the Concern, they find it has not been the practice



heretofore to receive tickets for admission during the year, subsequent to that in which they were issued, tho' under particular Circumstances a permit was granted for admission during the Month of January 1840, with Tickets issued in 1839. The Committee have also ascertained, that it is not the practice in other Institutions, issuing free admission Tickets to receive them after the year - They are therefore of opinion that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Memorialists.

Report of  
Committee of  
Investigations

Your Committee find on investigation, that since the commencement of the present year 54 Stockholders have received each 25 transferable tickets making together 1350 tickets considerably more than three hundred of which it is believed have already been returned - the issuing of this description of tickets has from past experience been found to be attended with the most injurious results to the interest of the Company - The Committee therefore recommend that application be made to the Stockholders who have received these tickets, requesting they may be returned, and that the holders will consent to receive in lieu thereof, a ticket of admission for a Single individual during the year, but in case of refusal that the tickets so, held, shall be receivable for the Current year.

Your Committee further recommend that all tickets hereafter to be issued to Stockholders, shall be only for the admission of a single individual the Stockholder claiming a ticket however, to have the liberty of taking it in his own name, or in the name of any other person, and to be only used by the person so designated and recorded, and any attempt to use of by any other person to subject the rights, conferred by the ticket to forfeiture.

In accordance with these voices of the Committee Respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

Tickets 1840  
Inadmissible

Resolved -. That it is inexpedient to receive Tickets issued in 1840 for admission during the present year, and that the same are strictly prohibited -

Single tickets  
only to be  
issued

Resolved, That all Tickets hereafter issued to Stockholders, shall be only for the admission of a single individual, the Stockholder having the right to take the ticket in his own name or that of any person and not to be transferable under penalty of forfeiting the right thereby conferred for the remainder of the year -

Stockholder's  
but one ticket

Resolved - That no Stockholder shall be entitled to more than one ticket of free admission whatever may be the number of shares he may hold -

The other matters referred to the attention of the Committee are in progress, and will be reported on at a future meeting - All which is respectfully submitted - Signed - Josh. Parker Esq.,  
of Committee -

Committee  
Bye Laws  
Report

The Committee to revise the Bye Laws are engaged in their examination and reported progress, and on motion Mr Fling was added to the Committee

William  
McGuigan  
elected Curator

On Motion of Mr Lewis Seconded by Mr. Fling William McGuigan was appointed Curator of the Institution at his former salary of \$600 per annum -

On Motion of Mr Rembrandt Peale, the following resolutions were adopted,

Resolved,

Manager to  
Procure Signs

That the Manager be directed to procure Suitable, respectable and permanent Signs indicative of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum and the nature of its invaluable collection of Curiosities from all parts of the World, and to place them Suitably at the Front Door, and in the vestibule of the Building erected for their preservation and display.

Resolved,

Manager to  
procure Bill of  
Advertisement

That the Manager be directed to prepare a neat and Suitable Bill to be printed, descriptive of the Collection of the Works of Nature and Art in the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum, and to have them placed in the principal Hotels of the City.

On Motion Adjourned -

Signed, Isaac Elliott

Secretary -

Philadelphia February 3, 1841

A Stated Meeting of the Board, was held this evening. - present, Messrs. Parrish, Fling, Parker, Jones, Lewis, R. Peale & Elliott. The President being absent, Mr Parrish was called to the Chair. - The Minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted. Mr Parker on behalf of the Committee appointed to revise the Bye Laws, reported a New Code which being read and deliberately Considered were with Some Small alterations adopted as follows

Bye Laws  
Adopted

# BYE LAWS

of the

Philadelphia Museum Company

Adopted at a Meeting of the Directors held  
February 3<sup>d</sup> 1841.

## - Stockholders -

Article 1<sup>st</sup> A Meeting of the Stockholders shall be held at the Museum on the First Monday of January annually at 3, O Clock P.M., at which time the Directors shall present a report of their proceedings for the past year - together with a statement of the accounts of the Company on which such order shall be taken as the Meeting may deem proper, - At this meeting also the Stockholders shall appoint three of their number to act as Judges of the Election

Article 2<sup>nd</sup> The Judges thus appointed shall hold the Election, between the hours of 4 & 7 P.M. and in conducting the Same, shall be strictly governed by the provisions of the Charter and laws of the Commonwealth, in relation thereto -

They shall keep a regular list of the voters and of the votes polled, which shall be placed in a box provided for the purpose, and Sealed -

They shall determine who are the persons legally elected Directors, and notify them thereof. They shall also make a return of the election, together with the box containing the votes to the Board of Directors at their first Meeting.



Article 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meetings of the Stockholders may be convened by the Board of Directors, or by twenty or More Stockholders being together the owners of One Hundred shares of stock - of which meeting Ten days notice shall be given, in at least two daily Newspapers of the City of Philadelphia -

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Board of Directors  
and Officers.

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Article 4<sup>th</sup> The Board of Directors shall assemble on the Tuesday Succeeding their Election, at Seven O'Clock in the evening - for the purpose of electing the Officers as hereinafter provided They shall also hold Stated Meetings, on the first Tuesday in every Month - All elections by the Directors shall be by ballott

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Article 5<sup>th</sup> The Officers of the Board shall consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballott, the Board shall also elect a Manager, Curator and Such other Officers as they May deem necessary

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Article 6<sup>th</sup> The President shall preside at the meetings of the Board, and preserve order therein, he shall put all Motions to vote, when the Members are equally divided he shall appoint all Committees, unless otherwise ordered - shall sign all orders on the Treasurer when Sanctioned by the Board, and shall call special meetings at the request in writing of two Members.

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Article 7<sup>th</sup> The Secretary shall keep regular Minutes of the transactions of the Board and when approved cause them to be regularly transcribed in a book to be kept for that purpose. He shall attest all orders on the Treasurer, which have been approved by the Board, and shall give public notice of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and of the election, as provided by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Section of the Supplementary Charter

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Article 8<sup>th</sup> The Treasurer shall have charge of all Title Deeds and other valuable papers, belonging to the Corporation, he shall also have charge of the moneys, paid over by the Manager, on the weekly settlement of his accounts, and all other funds belonging to the Company, to be held by him subject to



the orders of the Board. - He shall keep his accounts in regular Books to be provided for that purpose, and shall render a Statement of his accounts quarterly, and shall give such Security as may be required by the Board -

Article 9<sup>th</sup> At the meetings of the Board the order of business shall be as follows -

- 1<sup>st</sup> Calling of the Roll.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Minutes of preceding Meeting read and approved, or corrected.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reports of Committees V of the Manager
- 4<sup>th</sup> Unfinished Business.
- 5<sup>th</sup> New Business.

Article 10<sup>th</sup> At the request of two Members of the Yess and Wags, shall be taken on any question pending before the board, entered on the Minutes -

Manager.

Article 11<sup>th</sup> The Manager shall have the immediate Superintendence and charge of the Museum, and shall have charge of all transfers of stock, & keep the Stock Ledger - He shall attend personally during the hours of exhibition, unless when his place can be supplied by the Curator or other responsible person without injury to the interests of the Institution - he shall have charge of the Money received from visitors for admission keeping a regular daily account thereof, he shall pay the Wages and other necessary expenses incident to the Management of the Museum, under appropriation previously made by the Board for which expenditures he shall keep a regular account with vouchers, - he shall employ such assistants - as may be necessary from time to time - his appointments and the Wages allowed being however submitted to the Board for their approbation - he shall present a report of his proceedings, together with a Statement of his accounts, at each Monthly Meeting of the Board, paying over the balance in his hands weekly or oftener, when the same exceeds One Hundred Dollars to the Treasurer - he shall exert himself to procure such entertainments, as will be best calculated to draw visitors

to the Museum and shall see that no improper Company is admitted. Not permit any disorderly conduct thereon, He shall see that notice is given to the Members of the time of Meetings, and generally attend to such instructions as may from time to time be given by the Board -

Curator.

Article 12<sup>th</sup> The Curator shall attend personally during the hours of exhibition, unless when his place can be supplied by the Manager without injury to the concern, and shall particularly & under his assistance to the Manager - to prevent any improper conduct during the hours of exhibition - He shall moreover collect and prepare for the Museum specimens of Natural History and other Curiosities - He shall attend to the preservation of the different articles in the collection, and shall replace all deficient or injured Specimens, when practicable. He shall keep a list of all donations and in general conform to the instructions of the Board

The Collection.

Article 13<sup>th</sup> All Specimens placed in the Museum shall be as far as practicable, methodically arranged, and distinctly exhibited, each article shall be accompanied by a label, giving its Common and Scientific name, and the locality from whence it was obtained, when this is known - and if presented to the Museum the name of the donor

Article 14<sup>th</sup> For the purpose of increasing and improving the Collection, the Manager and Curator are authorized to exchange duplications and imperfect specimens, for such as may be required in the Collection - a carefull record of such exchanges being kept

Article 15<sup>th</sup> Specimens that shall be deemed useless to the Museum, may be sold on a Resolution of the Board to that end the money arising therefrom, shall be appropriated, exclusively to the improvement of the Collection

Article 16<sup>th</sup> Specimens belonging to the Collection shall not

be loaned from the Museum except by authority of the Board.  
Nor shall the Cases be opened, without the Consent of the Manager and Curator.

Article 17<sup>th</sup> Specimens may be received on deposit for such period, and under such conditions, as May be agreed upon, between the depositor, and the Curator, and Manager.

Article 18<sup>th</sup> The Curator shall present to the Board at their Stated Meeting in January, April, July and October, a report on the State of the Collection - Mentioning all additions which have been made of Specimens of Natural history - Curiosities of any kind. Apparatus, Models, paintings, and drawings giving a list of the donations, with the names of the donors, and of the exchanges, which have been made

Article 19<sup>th</sup> The Museum shall be opened daily throughout the year, except on Sundays, at the rate of 25 cents for day admission, except for children under 13 years of age, who shall be admitted at half price, and the Saloon May be used for Such Fairs, or other entertainments and exhibitions as the Manager can provide or procure. The Saloon may Occasionally be let to Societies or Individuals by the Manager on Such terms as can be obtained provided that Such entertainments shall be proper and decorous, and shall Commence Continues and close at Seasonable hours. -

Article 20<sup>th</sup> Every Stockholder shall be entitled to one ticket of the admission to the Museum, which may be taken in his own name or the name of any other person. -

Article 21<sup>st</sup> Free admission to the Museum during the day, when the Saloon has not been let, or is not in use, for Musical or other exhibitions shall be allowed to the children and grand children of the founder Charles Willson Peale, provided the Said family furnish annually to the Treasurer a correct list of the Desc. - To persons presenting or depositing valuable specimens, and to such other persons as may have this privilege granted to them by Special resolution of the Board

Article 22<sup>nd</sup> Free admission at all times to the Museum shall be allowed to the Directors, for the time being, and to such persons as shall have served in that capacity, or in the capacity of Trustees

Article 23<sup>rd</sup> These By Laws may at any time be repealed altered, or amended by the Board at any regular Meeting provided Such alterations shall have been proposed at a previous Meeting

Article 24<sup>th</sup> All former By Laws are hereby Repealed

M<sup>r</sup> Lewis on leave of absence retired



The Committee appointed to investigate the Concerns of the Company, produced the following report, which was read and considered, and on Motion of H<sup>r</sup> Jones, was adopted without a dissenting voice.

The Committee to examine into the State of the Institution, after having given much time and labour to the Subject

Report of  
Committee on  
State of the  
Institution

Report. That in examining into the Title of the Museum Company, they discover the Company never had, nor does not to this day possess any title whatever. - in consequence of Nathan Dunn Esq., having liberally advanced large Sums of money to the Company that gentleman now holds the Title in his own private right and name - for securing his and others loans to the Museum Company -

Your Committee find that there is a balance of \$90,000 of an old mortgage of \$120,000 given by Joseph Paxson as part of the purchase money for the whole Lot, from Chestnut St. through to George St. including the lot on which the Museum now stands which balance of \$90,000 is yet unpaid, it is assumed however both principal and interest, by the purchase of the Chestnut St part of the Lot, but the Museum Building and lot are still liable for any deficiency which might arise in the payment of the \$90,000. The Mortgagees, never having released any part of

the lot retain his right to collect the principal, and interest from any part of Said lot. - it is believed that no application, has ever been made to the Mortgagee to release the Museum and Lot. From the Minutes & documents Your Committee discover, that

Contract

a Contract was entered into in July 1837, between the Museum Company and H<sup>r</sup> Holden for the erection of the present Building for the sum of \$80,000, to be complete in every respect, except the glass. Up to November 5<sup>th</sup> 1838, orders were drawn by the Building Committee on Joseph Cusperthwait Esq. Treasurer for the Sum of \$113,824 88/100, if you deduct from that Sum \$2352 50/100 paid for rent of Old Museum at the Arcade \$300 Salary to Mr T. Poole, and \$795 05/100 old bills paid to Mr Smith, you have an excess paid over and above the Contract price of \$30,149 73/100: if to this be added the cost of the lot say \$19,000 and the moneys paid and debts contracted since November 5 1838, by the Company as improvements, say \$10,000 30/100,

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you have a total expenditure for the Building, fitting up and furniture of \$139,238 <sup>63</sup>/<sub>100</sub>. Your Committee were no little surprised and astonished, that so great a responsibility should have been assumed by those who must have been aware of the fact that not One Dollar, (Comparatively speaking) was in the Treasury, and further that a Building so Costly and Magnificent should have been erected and furnished on a lot to which the Company had no title whatever. As near as your Committee can ascertain the following claims, are demanded as due by the Company. Many of which are of a very pressing Nature -

Nathan Dunn, Esq.	due him	\$10,599, <sup>04</sup> / <sub>100</sub>
W. D Lewis Esq.	" "	\$ 2,000.
J Cosperthwaite Esq.	" "	\$ 1,000.
Bank of United States.		\$103,648.66
Do Do 3 Mos. Interest	due	1,484.91.
W.P. Smith - Taxes 1840 -		599. -
Andrews for Lumber		147.39
H <sup>o</sup> Clure, repairs to floor		<u>316.22</u>
Amount carried forward \$119,684.22		
George Campbell late Treasurer.		174.86
William Strickland, Architect		150. -
Roberts & Oldenham for Coal		71.25
Water Rent		15. -
Marware		29.09

Dixon for lettering lamps	<u>6. -</u>
Total Amount of Claims	\$120,341.42

Your Committee also find on file, the accounts of the former treasurer J. Cosperthwaite Esqr. in which that Officer debits the Museum Company, as due to him the Sum of \$41,585 <sup>24</sup>/<sub>100</sub>. On November 5<sup>th</sup> 1838, but your Committee are Surprised to see that in the U.S. Bank claim, the Company is charged with that Sum, as over drafts; it becomes a matter of Serious Consideration for the Board to decide, which of the above claims will be admitted - Your Committee believe that this enormous & burdensome debt, is of Such a character, that unless great economy is

carried into every department, and extraordinary exertions are used by those in whom the Management is entrusted - that bankruptcy and the total ruin of the Institution must inevitably soon follow. - To suggest the mode and means to liquidate the debt, has given your Committee such Solicitude, and although the prospect is no very gloomy, they still are not without a hope, that by a reasonable indulgence of Creditors and a proper appeal made to our fellow citizens on behalf of the noble Institution, long the pride of Philad<sup>a</sup> We may yet be extricated from the difficulties which surround us -

Your Committee are further impressed with the conviction that from the vast expence of the building, its Central Situation, and other advantages, the lower Saloon should have commanded a revenue proportioned to the expence it occasioned. The whole transaction as it now stands, has been so irregular the Committee cannot let it pass unnoticed. The fact is that a party without a title, rent certain premises to an apparent owner thereof, such a lease seems a nullity in itself .. and requires the title in the property to be put in a more regular form, in order to prevent the possibility of any difficulty, occurring at a future period - Impressed with the importance of this Subject, Your Committee without any unkind feeling, towards any one, Make these Statements to show the Board the true position of the Museum Company -

Up to January 1st 1841, - there appears to have been no regular Stock Books, kept by any one, and fears are entertained, that such confusion will be found to exist in that department - this duty having been totally neglected by the proper officers -

The Committee are happy however to say that the present Manager has since his appointment been industriously engaged in endeavours to bring this department into proper order

The annexed Table exhibits the receipts and expenditures of the Museum Company since its removal to the new Building Corner of 9<sup>th</sup> & George St - The last quarter of 1833 as near as your Committee can arrive at facts, after the rent and Interest Account



are brought in, there appears to have been an actual profit of nearly \$2950<sup>10</sup>/100 EE. The operations of the Museum Company for the year 1839 shows that the enormous sum of \$39,215<sup>64</sup>/100 was received at the Door, but the expenditures were so very extravagant, that (after bringing in rent & Interest Acct) The Company were deficient in funds about \$1685<sup>25</sup>/100 EE. - For the year 1840, the result and deficiency are frightful - The total receipts at the door were \$12,201<sup>23</sup>/100 (as before bringing in the rent & Int. Acct.) there appears to have been a deficiency in the year's operations of nearly \$7154<sup>27</sup>/100 EE. - Your Committee cannot believe that a result so unfortunate could have occurred, had the interests of the Institution been properly regarded by those to whom its affairs were entrusted -

Quarters	Total Receipts	Incidentals	Wages	Improvements	Balance	Deficiency
1838						
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter, Decemb. 31	\$6,071.99	\$683.78	\$454.--	\$753.41		" "
Rent	425.--	Int. 1655.91				
1839	\$6,496.99	2379.69	\$454.	\$753.41	\$2950.30	" "
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter March 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$10,345.00	\$ 5171.84	\$934.20	\$878.88		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter June 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$10,437.28	\$ 6931.26	\$943.75	2402.91		
3 <sup>d</sup> Quarter Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$12,604.27	\$ 8222.27	\$998.75	751.38		
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter December 31	5,828.29	\$ 4286.28	\$943.50	463.97		
Rent	1,700.--	Int. 6673.--				
1840	\$10,915.44	31,284.65	\$922.20	7497.14		\$1685.35
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter March 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,452.60	4,281.52	\$ 585.50	535.50		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter June 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,416.56	2,552.64	620.--	20.71		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Septemb 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,240.14	1,321.46	598.50	176.78		
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter December 31	\$1,484.10	948.16	631.14	237.56		
Rent	1,700.--	Int. 6,673.--				
Unpaid Claims						
W. P. Smith Taxes \$843		699.--				
G. Campbell Treasurer			174.86			
Roberts & Oldshaw, Coal		71.25				
Water Rent		15.--				
Hardware \$29.09, Lamps 6.				35.09		
Andrews Lumber				174.86		
Carried Forward	\$13,901.48	16,549.03	2610.--	1180.50		



Unpaid Claims.	Total Receipts	Incidentals	Wages	Improvements	Balance	Deficiency
Amount Brought Forward	\$13,901.48	\$16,569.03	2610.	1180.50		
Saddlery, mending floor				516.22		
Wm. Strickland, Architect				150.--		7154.27
Errors Excepted	\$13,901.48	16,569.03		1846.72		7154.27

Having thus given a Summary of the receipts and expenditures for several years past, the Committee now request the attention of the Board, to the state of the Accounts of the Company, with the Committee of One Director - The individual who during the past year has held this appointment, under the 9<sup>th</sup> article of the By Laws, and to whose Custody the general funds of the Company were Confided, has appropriated to his own use One Thousand Dollars of the money thus entrusted to his Care, and to Cover the transaction has made 4 Several entries in the book of accounts under the designation of "Quarter's Salary" - for which the Committee can find no authority whatever -

In order however that the Board may more fully comprehend the transaction, it has been deemed advisable to transcribe verbatim the entries made in said books intended as quarterly Settlements as well as all minutes made in relation to his first appointment as Treasurer and Secretary, and Subsequently Committee of One, and such also as relate to the appointment of his Successors - The first minute is under date of January 7<sup>th</sup> 1839, as follows -

"The Meeting then appointed J. J. Smith J<sup>r</sup> Treasurer and Secretary - on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January - five days after His appointment, there is a Minute in the following Words "On Motion of M<sup>r</sup> Dunn - Resolved, that the Compensations to the Treasurer & Secretary be the annual Sum of \$2000 -- commencing the 21 December 1838" - On the 14<sup>th</sup> November 1839, the following entries appear on the Minutes "Mr Smith announced his determination to give up the Situation of Treasurer & Secretary, on the first of January proximo or Sooner if a person can be found to supply his place. On Motion of M<sup>r</sup> Kane Seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Dunn - Resolved, That in order to retain M<sup>r</sup> Smith's Services he be at liberty to devolve all the duties of Manager of the Museum on M<sup>r</sup> George Campbell, M<sup>r</sup> Smith being urgently requested to retain the Treasurership at

least till the Annual election"

"H<sup>c</sup> Peale was appointed Secretary" -

A new Board of Directors was organized on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1840 when the following minutes are recorded Viz, "On Motion H<sup>c</sup> George Campbell was appointed Treasurer at a Salary of \$1000 -" "On Motion of D<sup>r</sup> Patterson, H<sup>c</sup> Smith was appointed the Standing Committee of One, under the 9<sup>th</sup> Article of the Bye Laws." The Said Committee of One has made the following entries, in the book of daily receipts and expenditures Viz -

On the 31 March, 1840 "Balance first quarter 1840. \$300.68

"Balance & Quarter 1839

Brought forward 704.47

\$405.15

One Quarter's Salary

250.--

\$355.15

On the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1840- Balance Quarter forward

\$355.15

Balance 2<sup>d</sup> Quarter 1840

456.21

821.36

One Quarter's Salary

250.--

\$571.36

On the 30<sup>th</sup> September 1840, Balance brought forward

2- Quarter

\$571.36

Balance 3<sup>d</sup> Quarter 1840

1.40

\$572.76

One Quarter's Salary

250.

Amount forward to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

\$322.76

On 31 December 1840, Balance brought forward from

3<sup>d</sup> Quarter

\$322.76

Balance on hand 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

2.38

\$325.14

One Quarter's Salary

250

Balance paid G. Campbell on acct.

75.14

Not finding the least authority in the Minutes for those charges of "Salary" the Committee were induced to make enquiries of the Members of the last Board thinking it possible that there might have existed some agreement between them on the Subject but after Consulting with a majority of those Members, they not only disavow any such agreement but some of them manifested such surprise, that such a charge had been made the Committee are therefore necessarily led to the Conclusion, that without any authority from the Board, this Committee of One, has attempted to appropriate to his own use One Thousand Dollars, of the funds of the

Company, in four Sums of \$250 each, on the last days of the Month of March, June, September and December 1880 in direct violation of the 8<sup>th</sup> Article of the Supplementary Charter, which says "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury of Said Corporation, but by order of the Board of Directors Signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary -" and in direct contravention too of the 9<sup>th</sup> Article of the By Laws, under which the money was entrusted to his care which says, "He shall hold and disburse the Money according to the orders of the Board" - and what adds to the injustice of this transaction, is that Creditors of the Company have been Sent away, with the declaration that there was no Money in the Treasury, when by his own account at the end of the Second quarter after deducting \$500 which he had thus improperly appropriated, there still remained in the Treasury a balance of \$571.36 which Sum it is fair to conclude was retained for No other purpose than to appropriate to his own use, so Soon as each successive quarter should expire, as it was evident from the falling off in the receipts for admission to the Museum, this resource could not be depended on to Secure a fund, on which to draw for the two last quarters of assumed Salary. Such evidently has been the result, and the Consequence is not only that the Board is dishonoured by the Non payment of bills for the labour of honest and industrious mechanics, but the Company are actually indebted to the kindness and indulgence of a public officer, that the Museum has not been Seized and Sold for taxes - The Board will perceive from what has been quoted from the Charter & By Laws that the payment made by R<sup>r</sup> Smith to R<sup>r</sup> Campbell which he states as "Balance \$75.<sup>14</sup>/100" is equally a violation of the provisions therein Continued and which the Committee are of opinion the Board Cannot Sanction, not only from the paramount Consideration Mentioned, but because R<sup>r</sup> Campbell will thereby have received more money than is justly due him, he having been absent from the Museum nearly 3 Months of the past year, during which his duties were performed by others, and however under other Circumstances, the Committee Might feel disposed to act with liberality yet Considering that the Company are unable to pay Bills which are justly due, it would be manifestly



improper to admit of the payment in the present Case for Services never performed.

Your Committee in the further prosecution of their duties have discovered, that there is only 15,000 Dollars insured on the Museum Building and notwithstanding the immense receipts and expenditures of 1879, there has never been one Dollar insured on the Collection or Furniture. So that the whole Building and Fittings up which has cost upwards of \$139,000 exclusive of the immensely valuable Collection has now but \$15,000 insured - In Conclusion the Committee recommend the adoption of the Annexed Resolutions -

All which is respectfully Submitted

Resolved - That the Board will not recognise the following entries made by John J. Smith J<sup>r</sup> late Committee of One, in the Case Book of the Company, the same having been made in violation of the provisions of the Charter & By Laws -

One	under the denomination of "Salary" made on the 31 March 1840	\$250
One "	" " " " " " " 30 June (1840)	\$250
One "	" " " " " " " 30 September (1840)	\$250
One "	" " " " " " " 30 December (1840)	\$250
One "	" " " " " " " Do on Balance paid to G. Campbell	75.00
		<u>\$1075.00</u>

Resolved. That the Committee of Investigation be directed to demand from John J. Smith J<sup>r</sup> the Sum of Ten Hundred Seventy Five Dollars, 16 cents ( and interest for the same), being the balance remaining in his hands as Committee of One, under the 9<sup>th</sup> Article of the By Laws, and when collected, pay the Same over to William D. Lewis Esqr, Treasurer -

The above Resolutions having been read and considered were unanimously adopted and referred to the Committee for their further care -



Manager's  
Report

To The Board of Directors, Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Comp<sup>y</sup>

The Manager respectfully reports that since his appointment to office he has been constantly employed in an effort to arrange the Stock Account of the Institution, as to exhibit a correct and fair statement of the amount of shares held - by whom, the quantity of Bus. Stock sold, with other items Connected with this Subject that may be of interest and utility - 3 engagements have been made since the 8<sup>th</sup> ult. - One with / Mr. & Lady "Magical Deceptions" &c - they performed 10 nights gross receipts of which were \$159.94 Our expenses of printing and advertising for this amounted to \$125.<sup>36</sup>/100 leaving a balance in our favour of \$29.98 this is exclusive of Gas, Wages &c. the other two are herewith Submitted - the result not yet known, the engagement now being on - Several Stockholders have requested me to ask of the Board, the issuing of the 25 Tickets to each Stockholder for day admission only this plan in my opinion would have its disadvantages. Our day receipts same amount to Sufficient to pay our Ticket Taker, and on the 27<sup>th</sup> ult not one cent was received either day or evening - in pursuance of directions from the Board on 15<sup>th</sup> ult. - as per Resolutions of H<sup>r</sup> H. Peale, and verbal Orders to confer with H<sup>r</sup> Dunn, on the Subject matter I have ordered the Signs, by Consent, of H<sup>r</sup> Dunn to be made and hope before the next meeting they will be placed in their respective positions - relative to the Card for Hotels I would respectfully suggest to the Board, the propriety of a neat lithographic Card Similar to the one of the Chinese Collection if the Board so order a pattern can be furnished for their approval - An application has been made to the Manager for One of our Specimens of Arolite or Meteoric Stone, by Peter A. Brown Esq for the purpose of a lecture, to be by him delivered at Watchteter, he giving receipt for Same, and pledging himself to return it safe the day Subsequent to his lecture - H<sup>r</sup> Brown is engaged in giving Lectures throughout our State, without any compensation for his Services - it remains for the Board to decide on his request - I also enclose a Bill for printing Tickets, amounting to \$2 - not being aware who ordered them, I declined paying it - The total receipts for January from all Sources were \$657.<sup>21</sup>/100. Expenses and small

Bills \$561.82 leaving balance in favour of the Company of \$98.09 which has been paid over to the Treasurer - the details of Expenditures with the Bills are also in his possession. From the peculiar Circumstances of my present situation - I am compelled to ask a favour of the Board that a Resolution may be passed, authorizing the issue of an order for the monthly payment of my Salary -

The Curator requests us to ask of the Board that he also may be included in this arrangement All of which is respectfully submitted by

Signed

Sas. P Griffiths Jr  
Manager

R<sup>r</sup> Elliott having now obtained leave of absence R<sup>r</sup> Parker was requested to act as Secretary for the remainder of the Session On Motion of R<sup>r</sup> Parker the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted,

Committee to  
arrange with  
Creditors

Resolved That a Committee of 3 be appointed to ascertain what arrangements can be made with the Creditors of the Company for the liquidation of the debts now due, and report the same to the Board as early as possible.

Exonerate from  
taxation.

Resolved, that the Said Committee be instructed to endeavour to procure the passage of a Law exempting the Museum Lot and Buildings from taxation and also for Such alteration in the Charter as shall conform the ratio of votes of each Stockholder to the Scale adopted in the Act to re Charter Certain Banks, passed 25<sup>th</sup> March 1824. The Chairman appointed Mess Fling Lewis and Parker Said Committee

release from  
Mortgage

On Motion of R<sup>r</sup> Parrish, Resolved That the Same Committee be instructed to request of Isaac B Parker Esq. a release of the Museum Lot from the operation of a Mortgage of \$90,000 originally given on the whole purchase it being supposed that the property on Chestnut St is ample Security

On Motion the application of Peter A Eyre Esq as mentioned in the Manager's report, be ordered to lie on the table.

On Motion an order was directed to be drawn on the Treasurer in favour of J P Griffiths J<sup>r</sup> Manager for \$43.<sup>80</sup>/100 being the amount of his salary in full to 1<sup>st</sup> inst - also one in favour of H<sup>r</sup> H<sup>c</sup> Guigan Curator for \$50. his salary to the same period.

On Motion Adjourned -

Filed<sup>d</sup> February 11<sup>th</sup> 1841.

The Board held a Special Meeting this Evening, pursuant to a call made by the Committee of Organization. Present, Messrs. Dunn, Barrish, B. Peale, F. Peale, Jones, Parker, Fling, & Lewis,-

In the absence of H<sup>r</sup> Elliott, H<sup>c</sup> Lewis acted as Secretary.

The Minutes of last meeting having been read, were on Motion, referred to the Committee of Investigation for revision, before they should be finally transcribed -

On Motion of H<sup>r</sup> Fling Seconded by H<sup>r</sup> Parker, the following bills were ordered paid -

Gas Bill for last Month	\$63.36	
Less 5 per ct discot	3.16	\$60.19
Printing Director's Tickets		2.--
		<u>\$62.19</u>

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday Evening next -

Tuesday Evening February 16<sup>th</sup> 1841

The Board met this evening, pursuant to adjournment  
Present, Messrs. Lewis, Barrish, B. Peale, Parker, Jones, Fling, F. Peale, & Elliot.

The President being absent H<sup>c</sup> Lewis was appointed President pro tem -

The following report was presented to the Committee of Investigations, which being read and deliberately Considered was unanimously adopted -

The Committee appointed to investigate the Concerns of the Company - Respectfully Report.

That in conformity with the instructions of the Board as contained in the resolutions adopted at last meeting, they on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst, addressed a note to John S. Smith Jr.

Report of  
Committee of  
Investigations



accompanied with a copy of said resolutions, and requested a prompt payment of the Balance in his hands due the Company: with which request he declines complying and insists on his right to charge a Salary for the year 1840, and the Correspondence on the Subject has been brought to a close by his having forwarded to us a paper dated 13<sup>th</sup> inst. and Signed by Nathan Dunn, Certifying that John J. Smith Jr. has placed in his hands as President of the Museum Company \$1150. as Security for the payment of any legal claim the Company may have against him, and has referred us to his legal adviser for any future action - He has also sent the Committee another paper, Signed by Nathan Dunn, Franklin Peale, & John K. Kane Members of the late Board, and the two first also Members of the present Board, dated the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. Containing the following Statement. " It was an understanding that during the year 1840, John J. Smith Jr. Esq. was entitled to receive a Salary at the Philadelphia Museum" In Communicating these facts to the Board, the Committee feel it due to themselves, to repeat the Statement Made in their last report, that a majority of the Members of the late Board, did distinctly disavow to Members of this Committee, any knowledge of such an agreement, and in this majority were included the Gentlemen above named - The Board will perceive that the Certificate thus given to Mr Smith is in direct Contradiction, to the Statement made by the Committee in their former report & now repeated - The Committee with the hope of reconciling this

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Committee of  
Investigation

difference, made an effort to see each of the Gentlemen, who signed the Certificate, and succeeded in obtaining an interview with two of them, both of whom freely stated, that their understanding as mentioned in the Certificate was founded entirely on the arrangement made on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 1839, as mentioned in the Minutes of that date, and that they knew of no agreement made with Mr Smith, subsequent to that time.

That the plain intent of that minute was to authorize Mr Smith to employ Mr Campbell as his assistant, till the end of that year, is not to be questioned, and of course Mr Smith was entitled to the Salary until that time he compensated Mr Campbell - But as the New Board in January 1840 Suspended Mr Smith as Treasurer



by appointing Mr Campbell to that office and fixing his Salary at \$1000. the Committee can perceive no justifiable ground on which those three Gentlemen, who have Signed the paper Should Come to the understanding that Mr Smith was entitled to receive the Salary, when he no longer held the office - and as to his appointment as Committee of One, under the 9<sup>th</sup> Art of the By Laws, there is no Salary attached thereto But the Committee Consider the ground taken by Mr Smith entirely untenable: his duty as the acting officer under the By Laws, was to pay over the balance of funds in his hands to the Treasurer of this Company, and if he had any Claim to Salary, to present it, for the decision of the Board, and if approved, receive an order on the Treasurer therefor

All of which is respectfully Submitted

On Motion of Mr Parker, Seconded by Mr E Peale

Arbitration  
agreed upon  
Hussey vs.  
J J Smith Jr.

Resolved. - That the difference between this Board and John J. Smith Esq. be referred to arbitration, Cos. to be chosen by the Committee of Investigation, one, by John J. Smith Jr. & One by the two thus chosen, and that the arbitrators, who shall all be legal men shall examine the Charter & By Laws of the Company and the Minutes of the Directors, and hear the testimony on both Sides, the Committee or Some of its Members attending on behalf of this Board, and that the decision Made by the aforesaid Arbitrators shall be final, provided the terms of this resolution be acceded to by Mr Smith.

The Committee of Investigation also reported, that the Minutes of the Meeting on the 3<sup>d</sup> inst. had been revised agreeably to the directions of last meeting which being now read were approved.

- Adjourned -

Filed<sup>d</sup> March 2 1841

The Board held their Stated Meeting this evening at 7½ O'clock  
Present Mess. Burr, R. Peale - Parrish - Lewis - Jones - Fling  
P. Peale, Elliott, & Parker -  
Minutes of last meeting read and approved

For Manager's Report See below -

Decision of  
Majority Arbitrators to be  
final

A Verbal report was made by Mr. Parrish from the Committee of Investigations, whereupon On Motion of Mr. Levin, Seconded by Mr. Parrish it was Resolved - As the Sense of this Board that the decision of a Majority of the arbitrators according to the Resolution proposing a reference of the difficulty between the Museum Company & J.J. Smith Jr., passed on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst, ult, shall be final as is usual in such cases

The Managers report and Acct for last Month read & accepted.

On Motion of Mr. Parker orders were directed to issue in favour of the Manager & Curator - for the amount of their respective Salaries -

Adjourned -

To The Board of Directors. Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Company  
The Manager respectfully Reports -

Manager's  
Report

That Since the last Meeting of the Board, he has in conjunction with the Curator been diligently employed in arranging and adjusting the Stock Ledger commenced by Mr. Peale prior to his departure from this Country, and believes that a few weeks will complete this laborious task Several Musical exhibitions have been had since the last Meeting none of which have terminated in such profit The room has been rented on two occasions only - once for \$100 the other \$75 - The Sign for the vestibule has been completed and placed in its proper Situation - those for the outside are now being lettered, and will in all probability be put up this week. - I have had the office enlarged by throwing back the partition, and hope this measure may meet with your approbation, and would request permission to have a Gas Light fixed near the North window, the light at present being inadequate Peter A. Brown, Esq. has again requested me to lay his application for the loan of an Adrolite before the Board, we have 3 Specimens in the Collection - I herewith Submit my account for the last month, which I trust on examination may prove correct.

All of which is respectfully Submitted,

Sam<sup>l</sup> P. Griffith Jr.

Philad<sup>a</sup> March 2<sup>d</sup> 1841.

Manager

Philad<sup>a</sup> March 25<sup>th</sup> 1881

A Special meeting of the Board was held this evening at the  
Museum - Present, Mess. Dunn, R. Peale, F. Peale, Parrish, Jones,  
Lewis, Flinn & Parker.

In the absence of the Secretary H<sup>c</sup> Lewis, acted as Secretary  
pro Tem. The following report from the Manager was read and  
accepted.

To the Board of Directors, Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Company.

The Manager Respectfully Reports - That as far as practicable  
he has so arranged the stock account as to enable him to make  
proper entries in the Stock Ledger of the Company, - but there  
still exists an error of 2 Shares, to ascertain which, every  
means that strict research or ingenuity could devise has in vain  
been resorted to - The total number of shares as now exhibited  
on the books of the Company is 2167. - An Alphabetical arrange-  
ment of which is herewith Submitted - of Shares the Certificates  
of which are designated New - these are as per list annexed, 169.  
Now taking it for granted that all the original Stock has been  
Cancelled by the issuing of Scrip under the old Charter, the re-  
sult is 1000 shares, add to this 1000 shares created by resolu-  
tion of the Board, December 1837, gives 2000 shares, - the  
list of new Stock foots up to Sum Total 2169 shares - making a  
surplus of 2 shares, More than is called for by the credits on  
the Stock Ledger. -

This Conclusion has been arrived at, after much and tedious  
labour and would have been completed at a much earlier period,  
had not the office been so frequently occupied by the Committee  
of Investigation.

Report from  
Manager

The assistance the Manager has received from H<sup>c</sup> W<sup>m</sup> McGuigan  
our Curator, has been of the greatest importance, his long ex-  
perience and knowledge of the various transactions of the Com-  
pany has enabled us to detect errors, when no palpable means  
existed -

I should be pleased if the Board on examination of the books and  
papers herewith Submitted, would Sanction by Resolution, the  
authority to me of transferring stock as the applications for  
the issuing of new Scrip are at this time very pressing - and



until the Board shall have approved of the result of my labours. I have declined making any transfers. - The exertions to ascertain the errors now existing will be continued -

In pursuance of the Article of Bye Laws relating to the Manager - I report that I have discharged on the 13<sup>th</sup> Isaac Holcombe, the Coloured Man employed about the building - intemperance the cause - and have supplied (the) place with Henry Stewart at \$20 per month - this ap(point)ment I trust may meet the approbation of the Board

A Bill for Coal is also Submitted, the balance due on which is \$71.25. - The contract for this purchase was made with the vendors payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January - I have been requested to urge your attention to this matter, and would suggest that an order should issue for \$40, part payment thereof.

A notice of appeal from taxes levied on the Museum for \$41, is also annexed. Submitted for Such order as you may deem necessary - All of which is respectfully Submitted by

Sam P Griffiths Jr.

Manager

Filed<sup>d</sup> March 25 1841

Manager to  
transfer Stock

On Motion of W<sup>m</sup> F. Pease. Seconded by R<sup>d</sup> Parrish, the Manager was authorized to allow transfers of Stock of the Company, according to the Bye Laws.

The following Resolutions offered by R<sup>d</sup> Parrish and Seconded by W<sup>m</sup> Jones were adopted.

H Stewart  
appointment  
approved.

- 1<sup>st</sup> - That the discharge of Isaac Holcombe and appointment of Henry Stewart at \$20 per month by the Manager is approved of
- 2<sup>d</sup> Resolved. That an order for \$40 in part payment of Coal Bill issue on the Treasurer
- 3<sup>d</sup> Resolved. That R<sup>d</sup> Fling be appointed a Committee to attend to the subject of the State Tax as applying to the Museum property -
- 4<sup>th</sup> Resolved - That the Manager's Report, so far as it relates to the Stock of the Company be referred to the Investigating Committee - Adjourned W<sup>m</sup> D Lewis Sec P T.

Committee on  
State Tax



Filed<sup>d</sup> April 6<sup>th</sup> 1841.

The Board held their Stated Meeting this Evening, at the Museum Present Messrs. Dunn, Jones, Parrish, R. Peale, Parker Fling & Peale.

The President in the Chair

H<sup>r</sup> P. Peale in the absence of H<sup>r</sup> Elliott appointed Sec. P. T.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted -

The following report from the Manager was read and accepted.

To The Board of Directors, Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Comp<sup>y</sup>  
The Manager Respectfully Reports,

That since the last Stated Meeting of the Board, up to the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. there has been 11 Entertainments given at the Museum, the gross receipts of which amounted to ..... \$400.24,

Paid to the Partici. \$90.39. Advertising. Print-

ing &c. \$166.	255.39.
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Balance , , , ,	\$144.86
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This does not include Gas, and Several minor Sums attendant on these exhibitions

Report from  
Manager

The Saloon has been rented once only for	\$75 -
" Lecture Room " 4 times " "	40.25

I would respectfully call the attention of the Board to take some order on the propriety of reducing the rent of the Saloon to \$50. per evening - for suitable and respectable entertainments. - at the present price it is almost an impossibility to rent it. - applications are frequently made, but the moment the price is named the negotiation ceases. - I have understood on enquiry that the Musical Fund Hall can be obtained from \$50 to (\$50). The Saloon of the Masonic Hall at the best bargain, varying from one third the proceeds to \$15. or \$20.

The Assembly Buildings \$20 - will the Board also take (into) Consideration, whether Stockholders, can legally, and without Propriety, be excluded from the Saloon during Such times as the Saloon may be rented. - the large amount of the audience, usually made up by this class deters Many from renting, who otherwise

Report from  
Manager

might be induced to do so. - I have provided an answer, relative to the rent of Saloon, on Wednesday, and trust the Board may deem the Subject of Sufficient importance to take action thereon.

I herewith Submit my Acct Current for past month exhibiting balance in my hands on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. of \$24.13 this with \$200 paid to the Treasurer is the netl amt. after deducting balance as per last report of \$19.82 All of which is respectfully Submitted by

Sam. F. Griffiths Jr

Philad<sup>a</sup> April 16<sup>th</sup> 1841

Manager

P T, orders favour of Manager & Curator for Salary

Rent of  
Saloon not  
less than \$50

On Motion resolved, - That the Manager be authorised to let the Saloon of the Museum, upon the best terms, he can procure provided the Same be not less than fifty Dollars per Evening.

The Managers Acct for the month was also presented and ordered to be placed on file -

Curator's  
Report

The Curator's report was received, and referred to a Committee of 2 Members, with power to take Such Measures as they may deem to the interest of the Institution

The Messrs. Peale were appointed on the Committee for Same.

On Motion, Orders were directed to issue on the Treasurer for the Salary of Manager & Curator for the month of March -

Standing Com-  
mittee to  
Audit Accts.

On Motion Messrs. Jones & Parker were appointed a Standing Committee to audit the Accts of the Treasurer & Manager which by the Bye Laws are to be rendered monthly

Order for  
Taxes.

Resolved, That an Order issue on the Treasurer for \$200. in favour of W<sup>m</sup> F. Smith in part payment of Taxes for 1840 -

On Motion Adjourned.

F. Peale. Sec. M.T.-

Philad<sup>a</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> 1841

The Board held their Stated Meeting this evening at the Museum Present Messrs. Dunn, K. Peale. - J. Comly Jones, Fling & Elliott<sup>sr</sup> The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

Report of  
Auditors

The Committee appointed to examine and audit the books of the Treasurer & Manager for the month of March reported, that he had attended to that duty, and found every thing correct, according to vouchers exhibited -

The Manager's Report was read and approved

The Salaries of the Manager & Curator, were on Motion of M<sup>r</sup> Fling, Seconded by M<sup>r</sup> R Peale - ordered to be paid

On Motion Adjourned

Signed Isaac Elliott Sec.

\* M<sup>r</sup> Parker made his appearance at the moment of adjournment. -

Philad<sup>a</sup> June 1<sup>st</sup> 1841.

The Board held their Stated Meeting this evening at 8  
Present - Messrs<sup>d</sup> Dunn, Jones, Parker, Fling, Elliott, & R. Peale.  
The Minutes of last Meeting were read & adopted.

The following Report from Manager was read and accepted -

To The Board of Directors. Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Company

The Manager would respectfully

Call the attention of the Board, to the Condition of the roof on the West end of the Building - a leak of Considerable dimensions has existed for Some time past, which if allowed to continue much longer, will cause the plastering to fall and most probably, destroy the large lamps at the door. - The evil can be remedied, by Covering the battlement wall with sheets of Zinc - I have had an estimate made of the cost \$22. The Southernmost part has already been done. - The leak now exists in the Centre. - during the late heavy rain, buckets and cloths, had to be constantly kept in the window of the upper vestibule. -

Will the Board also pass a Resolution, ordering me to stop all free admissions - as I find Several now existing that on enquiry appear to have no right whatever - with instructions also to use a discretionary power. So that the interests of the Institution hereafter may not suffer by too Strict an observance of the instructions

I herewith enclose Bill for \$79,62 for Plumbing, incurred dur-

Report from  
Manager.



ing 1839. - all of which is respectfully Submitted by

Sam. F Griffiths Jr

Philad June 1. 1841

Manager

Resolved. That the Manager be authorized to have the necessary repair Made to the roof as proposed by his

The Managers Account for May, properly audited was then read and ordered filed -

Resolved - That the Manager be directed to enforce the Bye laws,

Instructions  
to Manager

Free Admission as in regard to free visitors to the Museum with such discre-  
tionary power as he may judge to be in the interests of the Institution

Resolved - That orders issue on the Treasurer for the payment of the Salaries of the officers -

On Motion adjourned -

Philad<sup>a</sup> July 6<sup>th</sup> 1841.

The Board held their Stated Meeting this evening at 8 OClock Present, Moss, Dunn, Parker, Jones, S. Peale, Parrish R. Peale Fling. - The President in the chair -

The following report from Manager was read and accepted.

To the Board of Directors Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Comp<sup>y</sup>

Report from  
Manager

The Manager respectfully Submits his Acct. Current for Month of June, as well (as by request) - the quarterly report of the Treasurer -

An engagement had with Miss Wyman the Lady Magician, proved unproductive, she not having received one cent. and the Museum barely covering expenses attendant on the exhibition -

The Saloon was rented twice during the last month to M<sup>r</sup> Watson for \$50 per night

Engagements have been entered into this month for Concerts with M<sup>r</sup> Watson, and also Messrs. Hornbottle & Edwin & M<sup>r</sup> Timmons - The result of Course yet to be known.

I would respectfully ask leave of absence for a short time for the purpose of accompanying M<sup>rs</sup> Griffiths to the Sea Shore She having been in a delicate state of health - every thing has been arranged and engagements made for the period I expect to



be absent, - and I trust my request may be complied with -  
All of which is respectfully Submitted by

Sam. F Griffiths Jr  
Manager

The Manager's Acct Current for June properly audited was received, and ordered placed on file -

Payment of  
Salaries

Resolved. That the order for payment of Salaries of the Manager & Curator be issued as usual

Treasurer's  
Quarterly  
Report

Resolved - That the Treasurer's Account, as audited for the last Quarter, be received and placed on file

Leave of Absence granted  
to Manager

Resolved - That the Manager have leave of absence as he has requested -

Chinese Buffalo loaned  
to W. Dunn, Esq

Resolved. That the Chinese Buffalo, belonging to the Museum be loaned to W<sup>d</sup> Dunn, to be placed in his collection, until reclaimed by the Museum Company

On Motion Adjourned -

Signed - Res. Poole  
Sec. pro Tem

Philad<sup>a</sup> July 12<sup>th</sup> 1841

A Special Meeting of the Board was held this evening at 8 O.  
Clock at the Museum, upon a call of the President

All the members - Present.

The following Communication was received from Nathan Dunn,  
and read together with the Communication from the Bank of the  
United States, referred to therein and reply thereto -

To The Directors of the Philadelphia Museum Company  
Gentlemen

Communication  
from W. Dunn, Esq

I have requested your attendance this evening, to  
inform you of my having determined to remove the Chinese Collec-  
tion, now arranged in the lower Saloon of the building at the  
corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and George Sts, to Europe. - For this Saloon, and  
its appendages you are aware, I pay the annual rent of Seven-  
teen Hundred Dollars on a lease that had originally ten years  
to run and of which about seven years is unexpired, for this  
remaining term you will allow me very respectfully to ask you

to release me

I make this request with the greater Confidence from the recollection, that a few months Since, it was the opinion of Some of the Members of the Board, that both the length of the lease, and the annual rental was such as to make it in their opinion, decidedly against the interest of the Institution.

Since calling this Board there has occurred a Circumstance of vital importance to the interest of this Institution to wit, the determination of the Board of Directors of the Bank of the United States to collect the balance that may be due on a note given by Several gentlemen of This Board and myself Some time Since, the funds of which were applied, is aiding the erection of the present building - The Correspondence relating thereto you will please find herewith.

The Title of this property is held in my name, for the liquidation of this and other claims, which have been pressed upon my Consideration for Some time past. - and it is with much reluctance, that I inform the Board, that the only means of relief, appears to be, to advertise and Sell the property in the Course of the next month.

Being about to Sail for Europe, I shall give a power of Attorney to this effect to John K. Kane, and Isaac Elliott, Esquires. who after Satisfying these Several claims, will be requested, to pay the remainder into the hands of the Treasurer of this Company.

Very Respectfully  
Nathan Dunn -

Philadelphia July 12<sup>th</sup> 1841

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Bank of the United States  
Suspended Debt and Real Estate Department  
9<sup>th</sup> July 1841

Dear Sir./.

Communication  
from Harman  
Cape

Allow me respectfully to invite your attention again to the Subject of my letter to you of the 22<sup>nd</sup> ult, and to inform

you that I have been instructed by an order of the Bd. of directors to day, to Collect the amount of the balance still due and payable on your joint and Several note therein referred to, with as little delay as practicable  
I will therefore ask the favour of you to have arrangements made for the payment of the note in all next week

Very Respectfully Yours

Harman Cope

Superintendent

Nathan Dunn Esq-

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Harman Cope, Esq

Superintendent &

Dear Sir/

We have received your letter of the 9th addressed to us Severally, and informing us, that you have been "instructed by an order of the Board of Directors to collect the amount of the balance, still due and payable, on our joint and Several note with as little delay as practicable" and asking us to have arrangements made for the payment of the note in all next week"

The Directors are aware that this note was given by us to aid the necessities of a highly meritorious institution of our City, uninfluenced, by Considerations of pecuniary interest and they have been advised by us, that an announcement on the part of the Bank, of a purpose to coerce its immediate payment would require of us, the performance of a duty highly injurious to the Institution, which it is our wish to Serve

We have only to reply to your letter, that reluctantly yielding to the necessity of our position, we shall take measures without delay, for causing a Sale to be made of the property Occupied by the Russian Company, at the Corner of 9 & George Street - and that we Confidently expect to pay the amount of the Bank's claim against us, from the means, to be thus obtained within the ensuing Sixty days - We respectfully request that in the mean time, no adversary proceedings may be instituted against us. - We are Sir-

Your most Obl. Servts -

Answer to  
Communication

N. Dunn

J. E. Kane

I. Elliott

Filed<sup>d</sup> July 10<sup>th</sup> 1841 -

Whereupon the following Resolution was moved by M<sup>r</sup> Fling  
and Seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Parker.

Resolved, That a meeting of the Stockholders be Convened  
and the Subject of the Sale of the property of the Museum Com-  
pany be laid before them, for their Consideration due notice  
being given of the object of Said Meeting

The Yeas & Nays being called by Mr Fling and Mr Parker

Yeas

Fling

Parrish. } 2

Nays.

Dunn.

Jones

Lewis

[ one half page torn from the Minutes for this date ]

Admits, that he holds the Title to the property, in his indi-  
vidual name, for the benefit of the Museum Company, Subject to  
certain claims, among which are

1. debt due to him of -----\$-----

The Balance of a note Signed by himself

and others, held by the Bank of United States \$-----

The amount loaned by W<sup>m</sup> D Lewis \$-----

all of which Sums were expended in purchasing the ground and  
Constructing the Museum Edifice and also a debt due to John  
McClure Carpenter for sending and rendering secure the floor  
of the great Saloon, amounting to -----\$-----

to M<sup>r</sup> Strickland Architect, as the  
dated by the Investigating Committee

President be requested to pay the

and then to pay over to the

the Sale of the aforesaid

shall be paid as far

current charges on the

shall be ruined



Some evening in September or October next ensuing, we having Secured the rent of \$60. On acct of the imperfect state of the roof the storm of the night of the 14<sup>th</sup> all rolled up and rolled off, nearly 1100 feet of the Zinc destroying in its course 2 chimneys - prompt action was had and the injury speedily at an expense for workmanship and material of \$70.50 exclusive of the chimneys a bill for which has not been rendered.-

I would respectfully draw the attention of the Board to the Resolution granting permission to Nathan Dunn Esq of the use of specimens of Chinese Buffaloe - this Specimen is now in his possession and may in hurry and bustle of packing up be inadvertently passed up with the other Curiosities, and visit England All of which is respectfully Submitted by

Sas. F Griffiths Jr  
Manager

The attention of the Board having by the reading of the foregoing report been called, to the circumstance of the Chinese Buffaloe loaned last Stated Meeting to M<sup>r</sup> Dunn on motion of M<sup>r</sup> Lewis, Seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Jones, the following Resolution was adopted - Resolved that the Manager be instructed to reclaim from the agent of Nathan Dunn Esq the Specimen of the Chinese Buffaloe, belonging to the Museum on the closing of the Chinese Collection preparatory to its removal to Europe, the said specimen having been loaned to M<sup>r</sup> Dunn, by a resolution of the Board at the last Stated Meeting -

The Board proceeded to the election of a President Pro Tem, to serve until the return of M<sup>r</sup> Dunn from England, when Rembrandt Feale Esqr was unanimously elected -

The Board having reviewed the minutes of the Meeting of Stockholders held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July, and by adjournment on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, among which is a request that this Board, will reconsider the Resolution of the Special Meeting, held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, in relation to the Sale of the Museum Building - On considering the Subject the Board unanimously Resolved, that it is inexpedient to comply with this request, not perceiving any

benefit to result therefrom -

M<sup>r</sup> Parker from the Committee of Investigation made the following report - That in addition to the Sum of One thousand and Seventy Five Dollars. 14 cents, which they had heretofore reported as having been withheld from the Museum Company by John J Smith Jr. late Committee of One under the Bye Laws of 1840, they find that while acting as Treasurer in 1839 he paid the Salary of George Campbell Esqr. at the rate of \$1000 per annum from the 14 of November to the 31 of December 1839. out of the funds of the Museum Company, and has charged the same under the head of incidental expenses and as by the Resolution of the Board of Said 14 of November, authorizing him to divolve the duties of Manager on M<sup>r</sup> Campbell no Salary is fixed for his Services, and as the duties thus devolved, were among those which had heretofore been required of M<sup>r</sup> Smith in his capacity as Secretary & Treasurer, the Said charge is erroneous and ought to have been paid by M<sup>r</sup> Smith - Notwithstanding which M<sup>r</sup> Smith did on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1839 take from the funds of the company \$500 for his Salary, for the 3 months previous to Said day, thereby receiving \$125 more than he could rightfully claim - which report having been read, it was on motion of M<sup>r</sup> Lewis Seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Jones - Resolved unanimously, that this Sum with interest be reclaimed from John J Smith Jr. & that the same be considered under cognizance of the Committee of Investigation and that they be authorized to act therein as required by the resolution of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February last in relation to the other claims against him

The President & Secretary P<sup>r</sup>. were directed to draw orders on the Treasurer for the Salaries of the Manager & Curator for the past month

On Motion. Adjourned -

Jos. Parker, Sec. P T.

Philad<sup>a</sup>. August 9 1841.

A Special Meeting of the Board was held this evening on the call of the President Pro Tem

Present, Messrs. E. Fernald, Patrick, F. Pease, Lewis, Jones, Elliott and Parker.

The President in the Chair, and Joseph Parker Acting as Secretary P. T. by appointment of the Board

The following Communication addressed to the Directors of the Philad.<sup>a</sup> Museum Company was read, which together with a copy of the conditions on which the Museum Building was sold were directed to be entered on the Minutes -

Gentlemen - In pursuance of instructions from M<sup>r</sup> Dunn, we just evening proceeded to make sale of the Museum Building, according to the printed advertisement, and written notice of which we enclose copies - The American Philosophical Society became the purchasers for the sum of \$37,250. and as we are desirous that the sale to them, should be perfected as soon as practicable, and in the most satisfactory manner, we respectfully suggest the early propriety of your assigning to them M<sup>r</sup> Dunn's lease, and of declaring by a formal instrument, that the sale is made with the assent and approval of the Museum Company

The proceeds of the sale will be applied by us in accordance with the Resolution herewith adopted by your Board, and to enable us to do so we request you to certify to us the several amounts payable to the persons, referred to in those resolutions We are very Respectfully - Your Obedt Servts

Signed J. E. Kane Isaac Elliott

Filed<sup>d</sup> 6 August 1841. "

#### Terms of Sale.

The property is sold subject also

1st - To its existing liability for the unpaid balance of a certain Mortgage made by Joseph Barnes Esqr to Isaac J Parker, which mortgage binds as well this property, as a certain lot of ground situate on the South Side of Chestnut St at the distance of 27 feet - East from Delaware Ninth St

Containing in front on Chestnut St 147. feet and in depth 146 feet 10 inches or thereabouts The payment of which Mortgage has been assumed by the vendors of the Chestnut St Lot



There is due on Said mortgage Ninety Thousand Dollars of principal, and interest thereon from the first day of July 1840.

2<sup>nd</sup> To the right and title of Nathan Dunn in and to the lower Saloon, the ticket room connected therewith, the double cellar Connected with the ticket room, and the right and privilege of ingress & to the Saloon by the doors through the principal entrance of the building yielding and paying an annual rent of \$1500 also to his right to occupy and use a certain other room and vestibule at the North West Corner of the lower floor of the building at an annual rent of \$100. - The Said right to determine on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1840

#### Terms of Payment

Fifteen Thousand Dollars of the purchase money to be paid in Cash within fifteen days from Sale, or the property may be re-Sold at the risk and expense of the Purchaser of the residue of the purchase money Fifteen Thousand Dollars in one year from Sale, both of which payments must be Secured by Bond and Mortgage of the premises, with warrant of attorney to confess judgements, interest at 6 per cent per annum to be paid half yearly -

Copy of N<sup>r</sup> Parker's notice at Commencement of Sale

I am requested by the holder of the Mortgage of which notice has been given, to add, that he has not in any manner, released or impaired his lien on the property, for the amount due or to become due on the mortgage, and that the assumption thereof which has been mentioned, is between other parties, and that he is no party thereto -

The following Resolutions offered by N<sup>r</sup> Davis were unanimously adopted

1<sup>st</sup> Resolved - That the Philad<sup>a</sup>. Museum Company ratifies and confirms the Sale made by N<sup>r</sup> Dunn of the Museum property, and that the President and Secretary Pro Tem be instructed to offer the Corporate Seal, to an assignment of the Company's lease of any parts of the premises and to such other instruments as may be proper for vesting in the American Philosophical Society which



has become the purchasers, this Company's interest in the property sold

2<sup>nd</sup> Resolved - That Messrs. Kane & Elliott Attorneys of Mr Dunn be notified, that this Board insists upon the fulfilment of the conditions of the Resolution adopted on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July last in reference to the payment of certain debts therein specified, out of the first moneys received from the Sale -

3<sup>rd</sup> Resolved - That a Committee of 3 members of this Board, be appointed to confer with a Committee of the American Philosophical Society, on the Subject of the future accommodation of the Collection of the Museum Company in the Saloon it now occupies, with power to make arrangements for the same

Messrs. Lewis, R. Peale, and Parker were appointed the Committee under 3<sup>rd</sup> Resolution

On Motion Adjourned -

Philad<sup>a</sup>, September 7<sup>th</sup> 1841

The Board held their Stated Meeting this evening - Present,

R. Peale, Lewis, F. Peale, Elliott & Parker

The President P T in the Chair and

Joseph Parker by appointment Secretary P T

The Minutes of the last Stated and Special Meetings were read and approved.

The Manager's Acct for the last month was presented and ordered placed on file after having been examined by the Committee of Accounts

The following Report from the Manager was read and accepted To the Board of Directors Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Jan<sup>y</sup>

The Manager respectfully Reports, that nothing of any interest has transpired since his last report

The requisition for Chinese Buffalo has not yet been made, on account of the exhibition being protracted to a longer period than was at first anticipated - 2 applications have been made to rent the Grand Saloon - One by the Carroll Institute, and One

by the Neptune House Comp<sup>y</sup> I consulted with the Committee of the Philosophical Society, who were decidedly of opinion that the alterations they intend making would be commenced immediately, thus precluding the chances of our deriving any emolument from so renting - Application has also been made to know at what rent the Lecture room could be had for 3 months, but was unable on Acct of my ignorance of the movements of the Society, to afford any Satisfaction to the applicant will the Board please take this matter into Consideration -

It will be perceived by Acct Current herewith rendered, that there is not Sufficient balance on hand to pay the Salaries - will the Board please pass the orders not to be presented until the Treasurer is in funds to meet them.

I would suggest the propriety of Selling the organ, Piano Forte, Orchestra, and part of the settees, the Piano and the latter articles will not be needed, if in future, Concerts and exhibitions are to be discontinued -

All of which is respectfully Submitted by

Sam P Griffiths Jr

Manager

Philad<sup>a</sup> September 7- 1841.

On Motion of M<sup>r</sup> Peale the application of the Carroll Institute & Neptune House Company were referred to the Committee of Conference, appointed at last meeting with power to act.

On Motion, the Manager was authorized to Sell the Organ, Piano Forte, Orchestra and part of the Settees, with the Concurrence of the same Committee

On Motion the President & Secretary were authorized to draw orders for the Salaries of the Manager & Curator for the past Month to be presented when the Treasurer is in funds -

The Deeds Conveying the Museum Edifice and lot of ground to the Philosophical Society, and the release of the same by this Company, having been presented and read at this Meeting it was on Motion of M<sup>r</sup> F. Peale - Seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Lewis, ordered to be Signed and Sealed according to the Resolution passed at the last Special Meeting of this Board, and the whole ordered to be re-

recorded in full on the Minutes

Unanimously Adopted

On Motion Adjourned -

THIS Indenture Made the twenty fifth Day of August in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty one Between Nathan Dunn of the City of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania Esquire now beyond Sea by his Attorney's John X Kane and Isaac Elliott of the said City duly constituted and appointed as herein after mentioned of the One Part and The American Philosophical Society held at Philadelphia for promoting useful knowledge of the other Part WITNESSETH that the said Nathan Dunn by his Attorneys the said John X Kane and Isaac Elliott for and in Consideration of the Sum of Thirty Seven Thousand two Hundred and fifty Dollars - lawful Silver Money of the United States of America unto his said Attorneys for his use well and truly paid by The American Philosophical Society held at Philadelphia for promoting useful knowledge aforesaid at and before the Sealing and Delivery hereof the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged BOTH granted bargained sold released and confirmed and by these Presents BOTH grant bargain sell release and confirm unto "The American Philosophical Society held at Philadelphia for promoting useful knowledge" aforesaid their Successors and Assigns ALL THAT CERTAIN Building or Edifice known as the Philadelphia Museum and the Lot or Piece of Ground thereunto belonging Situate on the East Side of Delaware Ninth Street and North Side of George Street between Chestnut and Walnut Streets in the said City of Philadelphia containing in front or breadth on the said Ninth Street Sixty eight feet two inches more or less and in length or Depth along the said George Street two hundred and thirty seven feet more or less bounded on the North by a twenty feet wide Alley leading into and from the said Ninth Street Eastward by a Lot of Ground formerly called the Library Lot Southward by the said George Street and Westward by Ninth Street aforesaid- WHICH said Lot or Piece of Ground above described is part and parcel of a certain larger Lot or Piece of Ground which Joseph






Barnes Esquire and Ann his Wife by Indenture bearing date the  
 Sixteenth day of April Anno Domini 1836 Recorded in Deed Book  
 S H F N<sup>o</sup> 4 Page 84 Ac<sup>2</sup> granted and conveyed unto the said  
 Nathan Dunn in fee And the said Building or Edifice called the  
 Philadelphia Museum was afterwards erected on the above described  
 Lot of Ground And the said Nathan Dunn by letter of Attorney bear-  
 ing date the thirteenth day of July Anno Domini 1841 duly exe-  
 cuted and acknowledged and intended forthwith to be Recorded  
 according to Law did constitute and appoint the said John K Kane  
 and Isaac Elliott his true and lawful Attorneys for him and in  
 his name to sell and dispose of the above described Premises  
 unto any Person or Persons whomsoever either at Public or Private  
 Sale And for the greatest and best price they could reasonably  
 obtain therefor in Cash or on Credit and upon any such Sale and  
 on the Receipt of the purchase Money therefor or Security to  
 their Satisfaction for the same for him and in his name to sign  
 seal execute acknowledge and deliver in due form of Law all such  
 Deed or Deeds Conveyances and Assurances in the Law as should be  
 necessary or requisite to vest the said Premises and the abso-  
 lute Fee Simple and Inheritance thereof in the Purchaser or pur-  
 chasers thereof his heirs or their Heirs and Assigns forever -  
 And the said Nathan Dunn by his Attorneys the said John K Kane  
 and Isaac Elliott on the fifth Day of August Anno Domini 1841  
 at 7½ O Clock in the Evening exposed the above described Premises  
 to Sale by Public Vendue or Outcry at the Philadelphia Exchange  
 by E J Wolbert & Co Auctioneers when and where "The American Phi-  
 losophical Society held at Philadelphia for Promoting useful  
 knowledge" aforesaid bought the same for the price or Sum of  
 Thirty seven Thousand two Hundred and fifty Dollars they being  
 by Dr Robert M Patterson the highest and best bidders and that  
 the best Price bidden for the same ) TOGETHER with all and Sin-  
 gular the Buildings and Improvements Ways Streets Alleys Passages  
 Waters Water Courses Rights Liberties Privileges Hereditaments  
 and Appurtenances whatsoever therunto belonging or in any wise  
 appertaining - And the Reversions and Remainders Rents Issues  
 and Profits thereof And all the Estate Right Title Interest  
 Property Claim and Demand whatsoever of his the said Nathan Dunn



either at Law or in Equity of in and to the same and every part and parcel thereof EXCEPTING nevertheless and always RESERVING out of this present grant unto the Owners of certain Lots of Ground fronting on Chestnut Street the Right and Privilege of passage over and along the Easternmost ten feet of the hereby granted Lot of Ground extending from the said twenty feet wide Alley to George Street BUT RESERVING unto the said Nathan Dunn his Heirs and Assigns Owners of the hereby granted Premises the Right and Privilege of building over and under the said Easternmost ten feet as the same is now built over and under always leaving sufficient headway in the clear. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Building or Edifice and the Lot or Piece of Ground herein above described Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended so to be with the Appurtenances unto "The American Philosophical Society held at Philadelphia for Promoting useful knowledge" aforesaid their Successors and Assigns to and for their only proper Use and behoof forever. AND the said Nathan Dunn by his Attorneys the said John K Kane and Isaac Elliott for himself his Heirs Executors and Administrators doth by these Presents covenant and agree with "The American Philosophical Society held at Philadelphia for promoting useful knowledge" aforesaid their Successors and Assigns that he the said Nathan Dunn and his Heirs All and Singular the Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended so to be with the Appurtenances unto "The American Philosophical Society held at Philadelphia for promoting useful knowledge" aforesaid their Successors and Assigns AGAINST him the said Nathan Dunn and his Heirs AND AGAINST all and every other Person and Persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any Part or Parcel thereof by force or under him then or any of them SHALL and will WARRANT and forever DEFEND

IN WITNESS whereof the said Nathan Dunn by his Attorneys the said John K Kane and Isaac Elliott hath hereto Set his Hand and Seal the Day and Year first above written—

Sealed and Delivered  
in the Presence of US  
Joni Cook  
C W Robinson

Nathan Dunn   
by his Attorneys  
in fact,  
J K Kane   
Isaac Elliott 

BEFORE Me the Subscriber One of the Aldermen in and for the City of Philadelphia personally appeared the above named John K Kane and Isaac Elliott and acknowledged the above written Indenture to be as well their own Act and Deed AS the Act and Deed of their Constituent the above named Nathan Dunn and desired the same as such might be recorded according to Law Witness my Hand and Seal this Twenty Seventh Day of August Anno Domini 1841. -

Joel Cook   
Ald<sup>r</sup>

RECEIVED the Day of the Date of the above written Indenture of "The American Philosophical Society held at Philadelphia for promoting useful knowledge" above named the Sum of Thirty Seven Thousand two Hundred and fifty Dollars being the full Consideration Money above specified


	J K Kane
Witnesses at Signing	Isaac Elliott
Joel Cook	Attorneys in Fact for
C V Robinson	Nathan Dunn

KNOW ALL MEN by these Presents That "The Philadelphia Museum Company" as well for and in Consideration of the Sum of One Dollar Specie unto them now paid by "The American Philosophical Society held at Philadelphia for promoting useful knowledge" the Grantees in the within written Indenture named the Receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge as of divers other good and valuable Causes and Considerations them thereunto especially moving have granted bargained sold remised released and forever quit claimed and by these Presents DO grant bargain sell remise release and forever quit claim unto The American Philosophical Society held at Philadelphia for promoting useful knowledge" aforesaid their Successors and assigns All the Estate Right Title Interest Property Claim and Demand whatsoever of them The Philadelphia Museum Company aforesaid either at Law or in Equity of in and to All That the within described and granted Building or Edifice known as the Philadelphia Museum and the Lot or Piece of Ground thereunto belonging Situate on the East side of Delaware Ninth Street and North Side of George Street

between Chestnut and Walnut Streets in the City of Philadelphia CONTAINING in Front or Breadth on the said Ninth Street Sixty eight feet two inches more or less and in Length or Depth along the said George Street two hundred and thirty seven feet more or less being butted and bounded as in and by the said within written Indenture (Which is intended to be herewith recorded) in particularly set forth and declared or howsoever else the same is or of right ought to be butted and bounded TOGETHER with all and singular the Buildings and Improvements Ways Streets Alleys Passages Waters Water Courses Rights Liberties Privileges Hereditaments and Appurtenances whatsoever there unto belonging or in any wise appertaining AND the Severals and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof To Have and to Hold all and Singular the Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended as to be with the Appurtenances unto "The American Philosophical Society held at Philadelphia for promoting useful knowledge" aforesaid their Successors and Assigns to and for the only proper Use and Behoof of "The American Philosophical Society held at Philadelphia for promoting useful knowledge" aforesaid their Successors and Assigns forever In Witness whereof "The Philadelphia Museum Company have hereunto Set their Common or Corporate Seal this Seventh Day of September in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty one 1841.

Sealed and Delivered  
In the Presence of US  
Sam. F Griffiths Jr  
William McGuigan

Attest  
Joseph Parker  
Secretary Pro. Tem.



Sam. F Griffiths Jr  
President  
pro. tem.

City of Philadelphia SS7

On this Eighth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty One Before Me the Subscriber One of the Aldermen of the City of Philadelphia personally appeared Joseph Parker Sec<sup>y</sup> p. tem. of "The Philadelphia Museum Company and on his Solemn affirmation duly adminis-



tered according to Law did declare and say that the Seal Set and affixed to the above endorsed Deed Poll is the Common or Corporate Seal of "The Philadelphia Museum Company" aforesaid and was thereto Set and affixed by Order of "The Philadelphia Museum Company" aforesaid for the Purposes therein mentioned

Affirmed to and Subscribed                      Josh Parker  
Before Me-Witness my Hand  
& Seal the Day and Year aforesaid

Joel Cook

Ald<sup>n</sup>



Philad<sup>a</sup> October 5 1841

The Board held their Stated Meeting this evening at the Museum - present, Messrs. R. Peale, Jones, F. Peale, Parker, & Elliott. The President F T- in the Chair

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and adopted.

The Manager's Acct Current exhibiting a balance of \$98.17- was read and approved and ordered placed on file -

The Manager's monthly report was also read approved and ordered to be filed.

On Motion of M<sup>r</sup> F Peale Seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Parker the Manager was instructed and authorized to collect all rents accruing, and exercise his discretion in renting the Saloon.-

On Motion Resolved - That as the Museum is now Situated in relation to their Sale to the Philosophical Society, it is inexpedient to Grant the application of Professor Cleveland for the use of the Lecture Room

The Manager was requested to have the furnaces examined, and put in order, and to procure a proper Supply of fuel.

On Motion Orders were directed to issue on the Treasurer for the respect in Salaries of the Manager and Curator -

On Motion Adjourned -

Philad<sup>a</sup> November 2<sup>d</sup> 1841

A Stated Meeting of the Board was held this evening at the Museum - Present - Messrs R. Peale, Jones, F. Peale, Parrish,



Parkey, Lewis & Elliott, after some progress had been made in the business -

The President P. F., in the Chair, and in the absence of the Secretary - Joseph Parkey was appointed Sec. pro Tem.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

The following Report from the Manager was read and approved to the Board of Directors, Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Company

The Manager Respectfully Reports- That Since the last Meeting, the repairs to the large furnace, have been almost Completed, and will be ready for use, in all this week, the improvements made, it is confidently anticipated will render this One alone Sufficient, except in very severe weather

I have purchased and paid for 20 Tons of coal (Lehigh) at \$6 per Ton -

M<sup>r</sup> Landon the agent of M<sup>r</sup> Dunn on my application to him for the Specimen of Chinese Buffalo, requested me to await the arrival of M<sup>r</sup> Dunn from Europe, with this request I complied On Second Application, a request to await M<sup>r</sup> Dunn return from New York - I this morning with an assistant carried the Specimen to its proper case in our Collection, where it now remains - my orders were peremptory, to have the Specimen returned, it has been done - and in no way can interfere with any future arrangements between M<sup>r</sup> Dunn and the Board

In concluding this my last Report, I must be allowed to tender my sincere thanks, to each individual Member of the Board, for the uniform kindness and expression of good feeling, always evinced towards Me. - and the Sole fact of increased difficulty in Supporting a large family, on my present Salary, alone compels me to relinquish my present Situation - agreeable to Notice given at the Stated Meeting in October, I now respectfully tender my resignation, of the Office of Manager, with the warmest wishes for the increased prosperity of the Institution

I Remain

Very Respectfully Yours  
Sam. P Griffiths Jr

Stated Meeting  
November 2<sup>nd</sup> 1841

The resignation of the Manager as mentioned in the above report, was accepted, when the following Preamble and Resolution offered by M<sup>r</sup> F Peale was unanimously adopted

Whereas - The Manager M<sup>r</sup> Samuel P Griffitts J<sup>r</sup> having tendered his resignation, according to the notice given at the last Stated Meeting, be it therefore, Resolved - That this Board parts with M<sup>r</sup> Samuel P Griffitts Jr, with regret and returns him, their thanks for the Zeal, efficiency & judgment, with which, he has devoted himself to the interests of the Institution

The following Resolution offered by M<sup>r</sup> Parker was unanimously adopted

Resolved - That a Committee of two Gentlemen be appointed to take the Superintendence of the Institution, until the next election for Directors -

Mess. F. Peale & Parker were appointed -

Orders were directed to be drawn on the Treasurer, for the payment of the Salaries of the Manager & Curator -

On Motion Adjourned -

Filed<sup>d</sup> December 7<sup>th</sup> 1841.

This being the evening for the regular Stated Meeting of the Board Mess. R. Peale, Fling Parker, & F Peale, were in attendance, but not forming a quorum - Adjourned -

\* Filed<sup>d</sup> December 17<sup>th</sup> 1841

A Special Meeting of the Board was held this evening at the Museum - pursuant to the following request -

The Subscribers request the President F T. to call a special meeting of the Board of Directors. Filed<sup>d</sup> Museum Company for Friday Evening December 17- 1841

Signed.

W<sup>d</sup> B Fling  
Jas. Parker  
I. Conly Jones

Approved

Ben. Peale, Pres. F.T.-

Present - Messrs. R. Peale, Lewis- F. Peale, Fling, Jones, Parrish & Parker.

The Pres. P.T. is the Chair, and Jos. Parker Acting as Secretary  
A Communication was received from the Curator, read, and directed to be place on file -

Mess. R. Peale, Parker & Jones were appointed a Committee, to prepare the annual report to be submitted to the Meeting of Stockholders -

The Secretary was requested to publish the notice for Annual Meeting of Stockholders as required by the Charter & Bye Laws -

On Motion of M<sup>r</sup> Lewis Seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Peale Resolved, that the Curator be instructed to copy in the Book of Receipts & Expenditures the Monthly Accounts of the Manager for the present year

On Motion of M<sup>r</sup> Fling Seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Parrish the following resolution was adopted -

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to demand from the President of the Museum Company or his attorneys the balance of the Purchase Money, arising from the Sale of the Museum Building and Lot, and appropriate the Said money as pledged, and directed by the resolution of this Board of 12<sup>th</sup> July authorizing the Sale of the property of this Institution

On Motion - Resolved - That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn until the Evening of the 29<sup>th</sup> inst at Seven and a half O'Clock

On Motion Adjourned - .

Philadelphia, December 29<sup>th</sup> 1841.

Pursuant to adjournment the Board met this evening

Present, Messrs. R. Peale, Jones, Parker, F. Peale, Parrish & Lewis.

The President P.T. is the Chair and Joseph Parker appointed Secretary P.T.

The Minutes of Meetings of 2<sup>d</sup> of November & 17<sup>th</sup> of Decemb were read and approved.

The Treasurer made a verbal report, that he had seen M<sup>r</sup> Elliott One of the representatives of M<sup>r</sup> Dunn the President of this Company, and Communicated to him the resolution of the Board, adopted



at last meeting and informed him that an early Settlement would be expected

The Committee appointed for that purpose, produced a report to be Submitted to the Stockholders at their Annual Meeting, which being Considered and assented, was adopted as follows, and the President requested to present the Same to the Meeting --

REPORT.

To the Stockholders of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Company.

The Directors of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Comp<sup>y</sup>

On entering upon the duties, confided to them at the Commencement of the year 1841. found the Concerns of the Institution in a state of great disorder -

During the years 1839 & 40 by means of extraordinary efforts, the receipts of the Company amounted to \$54,817 but from the expenses incurred, in getting up Concerts and other entertainments the whole of this income was expended and appropriated, with but little benefit to the Institution: On the Contrary Dissatisfaction, has been excited among many of its friends at the time which was pursued.

Early after the organization of the present Board a new code of Bye Laws enacted, prescribing the duties of the different Officers of the Institution - Committees of Investigation and of accounts were also appointed under whose direction, with the judicious arrangements of Sam. P Griffiths, Jr (appointed to the Station of Manager) the books and accounts of the Company have been put in complete order and by establishing a rigid system of economy, the present Board have been enabled to meet the Current expenses of the Institution, notwithstanding the very limited income, which it has produced the present year -

To investigate and apply a remedy for past error was found to be a tedious and difficult task, which the Directors, had scarcely accomplished, when a new difficulty arose - Nathan Dunn President of the Museum Company, in connection with several of the Directors, had become responsible to the Bank of the United States, for a sum of money, which was required to confirm the purchase of ground, upon which the Museum was to be built - In July last



the Bank demanded this money, and this demand together with other claims, connected with the erection of the Building, could only be met, by a Sale of the Real Estate belonging to the Company, the title for which, for the purpose of Securing these claims was in R<sup>d</sup> Dunn - The necessity for this Course was urged by that Gentleman in a letter addressed to the Board on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July last - This measure was concurred in by the Directors at the same time they received the assurances of Gentlemen connected with The American Philosophical Society, that it was the intention of that Society to purchase the Building, if it was sold at a price within their means, that the interests of this Company would be protected, in case the purchase was made: and that no doubt existed in their minds, that such arrangements could be entered into between the Institutions, as would secure the Museum Company in any event a safe shelter for their Collection, and the enjoyments of the rights of the Stockholders, to a satisfactory extent. - The sale was accordingly made and the Philosophical Society became the purchasers of the ground and Buildings for the Sum of 37,250 Dollars. - Out of this Sum \$8429 <sup>38</sup>/100 were used to pay the demands of the Bank for balance of said note, which is upwards of \$14000 to discharge debts due Individuals, including R. Dunn's claim for about \$14,000 now leaving about \$14,750 due from the Philosophical Society, which is to be paid to the Treasurer of the Museum Company, and

which by a resolution of the Board of 12 of July last, is specially pledged towards liquidating other claims against the Institution

The receipts and expenditures for the year ending January 1<sup>st</sup> 1842, have been as follows.

Cash received---	\$5094.29	Incidental Expenses	\$2880.95
		Wages ---	1795.17
		Improvements	308.64
		Balance on hand	<u>58.53</u>
			\$5094.29

Signed Hen. Peale. Pres. Treas.  
Josh Parker, Sec. F.T

\$5094.29

On Motion the President and Secretary, were directed to draw orders on the Treasurer for the amount of Salary due to the Curator for the months of November and December, - also an order in favour of SF Griffiths, Jr for \$4.37/100 being the balance due him for Salary, up to the time he resigned his office - A Report was received from the Curator which was directed to be placed on file -

The following Bills were presented, which were referred for examination to the Committee of Accts Viz. a Bill from Hogan & Thompson for Stationary \$21.87 - D H. Rarrick, for repairs to Furnaces Pipes &c. balance \$35.55/100 - B. Andrews \$22 - On Motion Adjourned -

Philad<sup>a</sup> January 4<sup>th</sup> 1842

The Gentlemen returned to serve as Directors of the Philadelphia Museum Company for the present year assembled at 7 O'clock this evening agreeably to the Bye-laws and appointed Rembrandt Peale to act as Chairman and Joseph Parker Secretary

The following report from the Judges of the Election appointed at a Meeting of the Stockholders of the Company held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst was read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes

Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Jan<sup>y</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1842

#### Return of Election

We the Subscribers Judges of an Election held at the Museum on Monday the third day of January 1842 agreeably to the Charter and Bye laws for the choice of nine Directors to serve the ensuing year do certify that the following named Gentlemen received the number of votes opposite their respective names and were duly elected Directors of the Philadelphia Museum Company The whole number of votes received was Five hundred & Sixty Seven

Rembrandt Peale	Five hundred & Sixty Seven	567	votes
Joseph Parker	Five hundred & Sixty One	561	"
Franklin Peale	Five hundred & forty four	544	"
Isaac Elliott	Five hundred & twenty eight	528	"
I. Gooly Jones	Five hundred & twenty seven	527	"

William B Piling	Five hundred & twenty three	523 votes
William D Lewis	Five hundred & twenty one	521 "
Elhanan W Keyser	Four hundred & ninety six	496 "
Samuel P Griffiths Jun	Four hundred & ninety	490 "

Signed	Joe H Thomas	} Judges of the Election
	Ab <sup>n</sup> C Bookhill	
	Walter Morris	

From the above report it appeared that the nine Gentlemen therein named having received a majority of the whole number of votes polled were duly elected and being all present it was on Motion

Resolved to proceed to the election of a President Secretary and Treasurer I Dooley Jones being appointed Teller -

The Tellers reported the following Gentlemen duly elected each having received eight votes viz<sup>t</sup>

Benjamin Peale	President
William D Lewis	Treasurer
Joseph Parker	Secretary

The Board being thus organized it was on motion of M<sup>r</sup> Griffiths Resolved to proceed to the election of a Curator; M<sup>r</sup> Jones continuing to act as Teller who on counting the votes reported that William McGowan was unanimously elected -

On Motion of M<sup>r</sup> F Peale Seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Griffiths Resolved that a Committee of three Gentlemen be appointed to have the general charge of the Museum during the recess of the Board to be titled the Committee of Superintendence -

Messrs Parker F. Peale and Griffiths was appointed said Committee -

On Motion of M<sup>r</sup> F Peale Seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Griffiths Resolved that the salary of the Curator be fixed at the rate of Six hundred dollars per Annum till otherwise ordered by the Board and that he shall be subject to such duties as may be from time to time prescribed by the Committee of Superintendence

The following Resolution was moved by M<sup>r</sup> Griffiths seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Keyser and referred for consideration to the Committee of Superintendence who are requested to report thereon at an



Adjourned Meeting Vis<sup>t</sup>.

Resolved that every Stockholder of 25 or more shares have the privilege of receiving at his or her option One Stockholders Ticket of admission for the year or in lieu thereof 12 Tickets of Single admission to the bearer thereof -

Adjourned till tuesday evening next at half past seven OClock -

Filed<sup>d</sup> October 6th 1842

A Stated Meeting of the Board was held this evening present Mess<sup>rs</sup> B Peale, Griffiths, F Peale James Keyser Elliott & Parker

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted -

A Report from the Curator was read and ordered to be placed on file -

A communication was received from A. B. Rochey, requesting that a share of Stock may be transferred to him in payment for his services as an artist performed agreeably to contract which was referred for consideration to Mess<sup>rs</sup> F Peale & Griffiths to report thereon at next meeting -

A bill for Water pipes &c from Robert Looney was also referred for examination to the same committee -

The Committee of investigation to whom was referred a communication from William Strickland produced the following report which being read and considered was adopted with but dissenting voice -

The Committee to whom was referred a communication from William Strickland respectfully report -

That on examining into the circumstances to which that communication refers they find that William Strickland presented a bill "dated August 18th 1837" against the Museum Company "for designing & drawing sundry plans & elevations accompanied with estimates for new Museum Building 5200.--" another bill dated "1837 for designing & drawing plans & elevations for the Museum building, ...\$150.--" to this bill they find attached a certificate signed by Mess<sup>rs</sup> J K Kane, B Patterson, & F. Peale for the committee on plans "that the above bill is correct" The committee also find a third bill from W<sup>m</sup> Strickland dated



In 1840 as follows -

"To professional Services previously to building of Museum for making plans elevations & sections \$100.--"

The committee further find by a reference to the Minutes of the board that on the 12th day of July 1841 a number of bills due from this company to sundry individuals were referred to a committee for investigation and when audited by them Mess<sup>rs</sup> Elliott & Kane agents for M<sup>r</sup> Dunn late President of this Company were authorized to pay them out of the proceeds of the Sale of the Museum building, and among those bills so ordered to be paid is "a debt due M<sup>r</sup> Strickland Architect as the same may be liquidated by the investigating Committee" and that in pursuance of the authority thus given that committee on the 15th November 1841 by their Secretary affixed an order to the last mentioned bill in the following words "Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kane & Elliott Attorneys for M<sup>r</sup> Dunn will please pay William Strickland One hundred dollars in full of balance due on this bill" it further appears that in Conformity to the order thus given on the 17th of said month Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kane & Elliott paid M<sup>r</sup> Strickland \$100 and took his receipt in the following words "Received Nov 17th 1841 of Isaac Elliott Esq & J. K. Kane Esq the sum of One hundred dollars in full for designs, plans, elevations &c for Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum \$100

W. Strickland"

From the foregoing facts it is evident that this claim has been heretofore passed upon by a committee of this board especially charged therewith, that they allowed the last sum claimed by M<sup>r</sup> Strickland & that he acquiesced therewith and received and receipted for the same in full not by mistake but with a perfect understanding of the circumstances -

The Committee are therefore unanimously of opinion that the claim of M<sup>r</sup> Strickland is settled & that it is inexpedient to take further order upon it - all which is respectfully submitted

Philad<sup>a</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1842

Josh Parker	}	Committee
E W Keyser		
Ab <sup>l</sup> R Perkins		

On Motion of W<sup>r</sup> Jones an order was directed to be drawn on the Treasurer for fifty dollars for One Months Salary of the Curator -  
The following resolution was on Motion unanimously adopted -

Resolved that the Profile cutter be required hereafter to attend punctually at the Museum from nine till two O'Clock from three till five and from Six till the closing of the Museum -  
The following preamble & resolution moved by M<sup>r</sup> F Peale & seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Griffiths was adopted

Whereas it has been represented to the Board that a certificate of Stock which stands in the name of Charles Chauncey & James M Broom is the property of Sophonisba Sellers and Franklin Peale and is in the possession of the Museum Company in consequence of the original certificate having been lost or mislaid therefore Resolved that a certificate for 100 Shares be issued in favour of Sophonisba Sellers & one other certificate for 100 Shares be issued in favour of Franklin Peale in lieu of the said certificate standing in the name of Chauncey and Broom for 200 Shares the transfer being duly made by them according to the By-Laws -

Adjourned -

Philad<sup>a</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1st 1842

A Stated Meeting of the board was held this evening present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Keyser Jones Griffiths Parker & F. Peale,

The President being absent M<sup>r</sup> Keyser was requested to take the Chair -

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and adopted -

The following report was read & the Committee discharged -  
To the Board of Directors of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum C<sup>d</sup>

The Committee to whom was referred the Bill of Robert Looney for Plumbing and the communication of A. J. Rockey report

Having waited on John J Smith for information relative to the same M<sup>r</sup> Looney's bill as far as M<sup>r</sup> Smith's recollection serves him is correct -

The contract with M<sup>r</sup> Rockey is as stated in his communication; there has been no money paid on account of this and your Committee would recommend that the share of stock now standing in the name of Isaac L Lloyd ( and which M<sup>r</sup> Lloyd

asserts he never purchased and which certainly never has been paid for) being certificate N<sup>o</sup> 296 of the New Stock, should be transferred by a Resolution of the Board to A. B. Hockey and an acknowledgment had from him freeing the Museum Company from all claims that he may have had against them - They would recommend Mr Looney's bill to be paid either in full or in part as soon as sufficient funds can be had for the purpose all which is respectfully submitted and your Committee ask to be discharged

November 1st 1842

Sam. P Griffiths

Franklin Poole

} Committee

The bill of Robert Looney was in conformity to the recommendations of the Committee directed to be so paid -

On Motion the recommendation of the Committee in relation to the transfer of a share of stock to A. B. Hockey was adopted and the share of stock referred to was directed to be transferred to him subject to the conditions mentioned in the report -

The Committee of Investigation produced a report in relation to the accounts of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kane & Elliott agents of Mr Gurn for the Sale of the Museum buildings which being read was referred for consideration to next meeting -

A report from the Curator was read and accepted and referred to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Griffiths and F Poole with authority to grant the request therein contained if they deem it expedient to do so -

The following letter from William M<sup>d</sup> Guigan resigning his Situation as-Curator was read, the resignation accepted and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Griffiths & F. Poole are requested to convey to him the sentiments of this Board as to the faithful discharge of his duties during the period he has been employed in this institution -

To the Board of Directors  
of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Co.

Philad<sup>a</sup> November 1st 1842

Gentlemen

It has now been upwards of fifteen years since I first became connected with the "Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum" during which period the Board will I believe acknowledge that my whole time and energy has been given to the interests of the institution.



I have gentlemen in the last few days, understood from Samuel F Griffiths Jr that my late preceptor and friend Titian R Peale Esq wishes to resume his former situation in the Museum; Having no wish to occupy a position which will prevent a child of its founder from receiving that benefit which is his due, I most cheerfully and respectfully beg leave to resign my situation as curator in favour of that gentleman -

Gentlemen, with my best wishes for the increased popularity and prosperity of the Institution and my sincere regard for each and all of you personally and collectively allow me to  
 Subscribe myself

Your most obtl Serv<sup>t</sup>  
 William McGuigan

On Motion of N<sup>r</sup> F Peale & Jones an order was directed to be drawn on the Treasurer in favour of the late Curator for One Months Salary due this day -

The Committee of Investigation to whom was referred the Bill of G. Sellers & Son made a report the consideration of which is postponed -

The following communication was read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes -

Philed<sup>a</sup> October 31<sup>st</sup> 1842

To the Board of Directors Philed<sup>a</sup> Museum Company

Gentlemen

On the 17th Sept<sup>r</sup> 1836 the Board did me the honor of passing a resolution while I was Manager of the Museum, recommending me to the United States Government as a Zoologist to the proposed Exploring Expedition to the South Seas; at the same time granting "leave of absence for such time as may be necessary" in case I should be appointed to that station -

Upon the recommendation of the Board I was appointed a member of the scientific Corps of that expedition, and filled the Zoological department until our return home in June last; and was discharged with the rest of the Corps on the 14th of July

The duties in the Exploring Expedition having been



accomplished as far as the government required my services; I now beg leave to express my readiness to return to my former office in the Museum, if it meets with your approbation

Respectfully

Your obt Serv<sup>t</sup> -

Titian R Peale

On Motion of M<sup>r</sup> Griffiths seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Jones

Resolved that Titian R Peale be reinstated in the office of Manager leave of absence having been granted to him by resolution of the Board Sept<sup>r</sup> 17th 1836

The following resolution was read and on motion of M<sup>r</sup> Griffiths seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Jones adopted -

Resolved that the Salary of the Manager of the Museum be at the rate of \$800 per Annum until 1st of January 1843 provided the receipts of the Museum will warrant the same -

Two letters addressed to the President were read & referred to the Manager

Adjourned

Philad<sup>a</sup> December 5<sup>th</sup> 1842

A Stated Meeting of the Board was held this evening present Messrs R. Peale Griffiths Jones F. Peale Perkins & Parker

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved -

The following report was read and approved -

To the Board of Directors Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Company -

The Committee to whom referred the report of the late Curator - respectfully report

Having entered into an examination of the various subjects contained therein, and find them correct - Annexed is a copy of communication addressed William M<sup>c</sup>Guigan - Your committee ask their discharge

Decem<sup>r</sup> 6th 1842 -      Sam. P Griffiths Jr }  
Franklin Peale      } Committee

Copy

Philad<sup>a</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 9th 1842

The undersigned a committee of the Board of Directors Philad<sup>a</sup>

Museum Company, to whom was referred the report of the late Curator, take pleasure in thus conveying to him their complete satisfaction in the result of the examination had by them of the various articles under his charge, finding the same to correspond with the report submitted by him to the Board at their Stated Meeting November last, and on behalf of the Board would tender their acknowledgments of the faithful discharge of his duties whilst in their employ

To E<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> McGuigan -                      Sam<sup>l</sup> P Griffiths Jr } Committee  
Franklin Peale }

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Griffiths Perkins & Parker were appointed a Committee to prepare the Annual report to be submitted to the meeting of Stockholders -

Adjourned till the 19th inst at 9 O'Clock P.M.

Published Decem<sup>r</sup> 19th 1842

Pursuant to adjournment a meeting was held this evening present Mess<sup>rs</sup> R. Peale Griffiths Jones Perkins Lewis & Parker -

The report from the Committee of Investigation in relation to the accounts of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kane & Elliott Agents of E<sup>r</sup> Dunn presented at last Stated Meeting was now again read and after due consideration adopted it being as follows -

The Committee of Investigation to whom was referred the accounts of John E Kane & Isaac Elliott Agents of Nathan Dunn in relation to the sale of the Museum buildings & the appropriation of the proceeds thereof - respectfully report

That they have made a careful examination of the accounts submitted by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kane & Elliott and find the same to be correct -

The Board have already been informed by a letter from those Gentlemen dated 6th August 1841 that the amount produced by the sale of the Museum Buildings was ..... \$37,250.--

For which amount they account as follows

First - They produce to the Committee a receipt of Benj.<sup>mn</sup> W Richards & Frederick Brown Attorneys of Nathan Dunn for a Bond & Varrant of Attorney & Mortgage dated 5th of August 1841 executed by the American

Philosophical Society to Nathan Dunn and which is received in full satisfaction of Said Dunn's claim against the Museum Company .....

\$9,342.27

Second, William D. Lewis' receipt for a Bond Warrant of Attorney and Mortgage of same date & executed by same parties in his favour also in full discharge of his claim against the Museum Company .....

2,470.--

Third - The receipt of Reuben<sup>t</sup> Peale President & Jos. Parker Sec<sup>y</sup> of the Museum Company dated July 24th 1842 for a Bond Warrant of Attorney & Mortgage of same date and executed by the same parties in favour of the Philadelphia Museum Company .....

24,806.98

Carried forward \$26,619.25 \$37,250.--

Fourth - A receipt of William P Smith for balance of Taxes due on Museum for 1840 - Also his receipt for Taxes for 1841 Amount \$729- <sup>7</sup>/<sub>12</sub>ths of which is chargeable to the Museum Company .....

499.--

423.25

Fifth They have also delivered to the Committee, cancelled a note dated June 1st 1836 drawn by several members of a former Board payable to the Bank of the United States for \$32,000 said money having been borrowed for the Museum Company; the balance due on said note was \$14874.65 and was paid in notes of the Bank of the United States purchased at about 63 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> per Cent discount making the actual amount paid .....

8,429.38

Sixth - They also produce receipts for the payment of the following bills due by the Museum Company Viz<sup>t</sup> One to

William Strickland	\$100.--	Leonard & Son	61.53
Joseph S Linnard	11.6	W <sup>m</sup> H French	7.50
James M Patten	10.97	Wheeler & Cooper	104.77
Levi Morris & Co	114.44	John H <sup>d</sup> Clure	205.95
I & J B Andrews	147.39	Henry & Brothers	29.9
Roberts Walton & Oldenbaw	---		31.20
A bill for advertising meeting of stockholders			10.50
Also G. J. Wolbert & Co <sup>d</sup> bill for advertising			
notice of sale of Museum Buildings			46.50
A their Commis <sup>ns</sup> for sale of same $\frac{1}{2}$ pr ct.		186.25 say	<u>1,067.14</u>
making the total amt accounted for			\$37,040.3
leaving a balance due the Museum Company of			209.97

for the payment of this balance Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kane & Elliott have tendered their check on the Girard Bank and which your Committee are of opinion the Museum Company ought to accept as money inasmuch as those Gentlemen opened a Special Account in said Bank for the deposit of funds received on account of this concern and they had no opportunity of withdrawing the balance after the commencement of the run upon the Bank which ended in its final stoppage — Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kane & Elliott having thus brought the business entrusted to their care to a final close and having accounted for the proceeds of the sale of the Eugene Buildings request from the Company a final discharge a form of which is herewith submitted and your Committee recommend the Board to authorize the President and Secretary to sign and affix the Seal of the Company thereto & deliver the same to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kane & Elliott ---

all which is respectfully submitted

Filed<sup>d</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1st 1842

Jos. Parker  
E. V. Keyser  
Ab<sup>n</sup> H Perkins  
Committee

The Committee of Investigation are directed to pay to the Manager the check on the Girard Bank for \$209.<sup>97</sup>/100 referred to in their report -

The President and Secretary are directed comply with the recommendation of the Committee of Investigation by giving to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kane & Elliott a discharge in the following



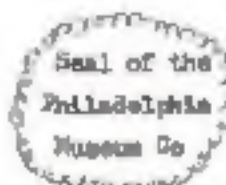
form and affix the Seal of the Company thereto - Vis<sup>t</sup>  
 Whereas heretofore Nathan Dunn being the legal owner in fee  
 simple of certain premises at the North east corner of George  
 and Ninth Streets in the City of Philadelphia & the Philadel-  
 phia Museum Company having equitable rights & interests therein,  
 a sale was on the fifth day of August 1841 made of said premises  
 by John K. Kane & Isaac Elliott acting as Attorneys of said  
 Nathan Dunn and the Philadelphia Museum Company by endorsement  
 on the deed from the said Attorneys released to the purchaser  
 all its right & interest in the premises - And Whereas the said  
 Kane and Elliott having received from the purchaser of said pre-  
 mises certain monies & securities as the price thereof have ap-  
 plied & appropriated said monies & securities in accordance with  
 the instructions of the said Philadelphia Museum Company and  
 having fully accounted with said Company for their doings in this  
 behalf, have requested a release & full acquittance from said  
 Company - Now be it known that the Philadelphia Museum Company  
 hath remised released & forever quit claimed & by these presents  
 doth remise release & forever quit claim and discharge the said  
 John K Kane & Isaac Elliott & each of them his heirs executors  
 & administrators & from all and all manner of actions dues monies  
 accounts liabilities claims & demands whatsoever in law or equity  
 which the said Philadelphia Museum Company hath had now has or

hereafter may or can have by reason of any matter of thing what-  
 soever up to the day of these presents - Given under the seal  
 of the Philadelphia Museum Company this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December  
 A.D. 1842 -

Sealed & delivered in the  
 presence of us

Sam P Griffith Jun  
 W<sup>m</sup> D Lewis

Sam Peale President  
 Josh Parker Secretary



The Committee appointed to prepare a report to be presented to  
 the Annual Meeting of Stockholders produced an essay which was  
 read & with some alterations adopted & the President is requested  
 to present it to said Meeting - It being as follows -

To the Stockholders of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Comp<sup>y</sup>

The Directors in Submitting their Annual report regret it is not in their power to lay before you a more flattering Statement of the affairs & prospects of the Company than will be found herewith annexed but must rest content in presenting a plain & simple relation of the most important transactions of the past year -

At the time the present Board came into office the Institution was still suffering under the injurious effects resulting from the Morbid excitement produced by a series of entertainments catered to the public taste in 1839 & 1840 & at a subsequent period continued in, on a more reduced scale both as regards the means employed & the receipts realized - Public opinion at all times & under all circumstances Omnipotent has decided that the departure from the legitimate objects of the Company could not be sustained and the converting into a concert room of a receptacle for the works of Nature and Art and for which purpose alone it was reared & nurtured by its illustrious founder was sufficient cause for the withdrawal of the patronage formerly so liberally bestowed by our most influential Citizens - That this is the fact there can exist no doubt & altho' every exertion has been made by the Board in curtailing every expense & pursuing a most economical course consistent with the proper exhibition & preservation of the collection the Company is still in debt.

By reference to the report made to the Stockholders in January 1842 it will be found that Nathan Dunn Esq for certain reasons there set forth had caused a sale to be made of the Museum building which was purchased by the American Philosophical Society - by this act we tenants there formerly we were proprietors - The attention of the Board was directed at an early period to this fact & a committee of their body appointed to make an arrangement with the Philosophical Society for the occupancy of the Saloon and such other parts of the premises as would be requisite for our purposes - During the negotiation pending on this subject information of an alarming character was received by the Board which rendered some decisive action imperatively necessary to avert the impending danger, should the measures

alluded to have been carried out, we lost not only our home but even the most remote prospect of procuring another - The Committee gave this subject all the consideration and attention that its importance demanded and finally reported to the Board the Lease which had been mutually agreed upon and which was officially approved - This Instrument gives us possession for twelve years from August 1841 and the rent for that period to be extinguished by the cancelling of the bonds of the Society held by us - The situation of the Members of the Board at this period was anything but agreeable, the responsibility great and embarrassing and the means of extricating the charge committed to their care perfectly unavailable - Your Board do not consider it necessary to enlarge on this subject trusting that the facts of the case are too apparent to require any argument for the purpose of proving the justness of the ground they assumed and that the critical position in which they were placed fully warranted the measures adopted. Amidst all this gloom and despondency your Board take unfeigned satisfaction in announcing the reinstatement of R<sup>r</sup> Titian B Peale as Manager, leave of absence having been granted him, during the period he was engaged as a member of the Scientific Corps on the U. S. exploring expedition, of the talents & high attainments of this gentleman & his perfect knowledge and experience in the well conducting and improving of a scientific collection it is useless to enlarge. Your Board have full confidence that under his direction the resuscitation of the Institution may confidently be hoped for; all that is now required to obtain this wished for result is means sufficient to mount & arrange for exhibition a large collection of Specimens (valued at \$30,000) the property of the company and which the want of funds alone has prevented being placed in the Saloon; this being accomplished we fervently trust that the Museum may be placed in its original firm position unaided and unaffected by any entertainment foreign to its objects and the intention of its founder.

Such a course judiciously pursued would in a few years cause it to be known & appreciated as it once was the Pride and Ornament of our City -

The Board would call upon the Stockholders to use their exer-



tions in disabusing the public mind which in a great measure has been impressed with the idea that at the time of the building being sold the collection also came under the hammer. This is decidedly erroneous and should not for one moment be permitted to exist. The collection is still and must be preserved the sole property of the Stockholders and we appeal to you as its owners to give all the aid in your power to render the acts of the Board effective -

The American Philosophical Society have it in contemplation to remove their valuable collection to the larger Saloon and if so a nucleus may be thus formed that will give an impulse to your endeavours -

In conclusion we have only to state that the gross receipts have been for the year 1842 — \$2072.80

and the expenditures

Wages & Salaries .....	\$1073.00	
Incidentals .....	815.83	
Improvements .....	<u>63.78</u>	<u>1953.61</u>
Balance on hand January 1st 1843		\$ 119.19

all which is respectfully submitted -

On behalf of the Board

Ben. Peale Pres<sup>t</sup>

Filed<sup>d</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1st 1843

Josh Parker Sec<sup>y</sup>

A communication was received from the Manager proposing an experiment that the price of admission to the Museum during the approaching Holidays be reduced to 12½ cents and that public notice to that effect be issued -

On considering the subject the proposal met the approbation of the Board and the Manager is requested to take the necessary measures to notify the public of reduction agreed upon; its being understood that it is only to be continued during the period mentioned -

The Board having now concluded its business

Adjourned sine die -

Josh Parker

Secretary



Philad<sup>a</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1843

The Gentlemen elected Directors of the Philadelphia Museum Company for the present year assembled this evening at 7 O'clock agreeably to the Bye laws when Rembrandt Peale Esq was called to the chair & Joseph Parker appointed to act as Secretary -

The return made by the Judges of the election held on the Second instant was read by which it appeared that the following named Gentlemen were duly elected Directors Vis<sup>t</sup>.

Rembrandt Peale	William D Lewis
Isaac Elliott	I Comly Jones
Joseph Parker	Ab <sup>n</sup> R Perkins
Franklin Peale	Samuel P. Griffitts

Elhanan W Keyser

of whom were present Messrs R. Peale, F. Peale  
Jones Perkins Griffitts & Parker -

On Motion the Board proceeded to the election of Officers S P Griffitts being appointed Teller who reported the following Gentlemen duly elected

President	Rembrandt Peale
Secretary	Joseph Parker
Treasurer	I. Comly Jones

The Board having been thus organized unanimously elected Titian R Peale Manager for the present year -

On Motion of Messrs Griffitts & F Peale Resolved that the Bye Laws in existence the past year be adopted for the government of this Board -

On Motion of E<sup>x</sup> F Peale seconded by F<sup>r</sup> Griffitts the following resolutions were adopted

Resolved that the Salary of the Manager be fixed at One thousand dollars per Annum provided the receipts are sufficient for the same -

Resolved that the Manager be requested to make such apportionments of attendants under the sanction of the bye-laws as may be necessary for performing the ordinary duties of the In-

stitution whose wages shall be at such rates as may bear corresponding proportion with that of the Manager after all other current expenses have been paid agreeably to the foregoing resolution - the wages however of the Doorkeeper and Profile cutter shall not in any event exceed three dollars per week each and the Porter fifteen dollars per month -

The following resolution was also on Motion adopted  
Resolved that each Stockholder be entitled at his option to receive twelve tickets of single admission to the Museum for the present year in lieu of personal privilege and that the Manager be requested to have a notice to this effect published in two of the daily papers -

Adjourned

February 7th 1843

This was the evening for the Stated Meeting of the Board but in consequence of the absence of the Manager from the City the regular notices of the meeting were not sent to the members & there being only Messrs Jones & Parker in attendance and they not forming a quorum

Adjourned -

March 7th 1843

A Stated Meeting of the Board was held this evening present Messrs R. Peale Griffiths Jones Keyser Perkins & Parker -

The Minutes of last meeting were read & adopted

The Managers report for February was presented read and ordered to be placed on file the report shows a balance in his hands of \$10.<sup>11</sup>/100 on the first inst -

On Motion of Messrs Keyser & Perkins Messrs Jones & Griffiths were appointed the Committee of accounts for the present year -

Messrs Parker Keyser and Perkins were appointed on the Committee of investigation for the present year -

A communication was received from D<sup>r</sup> William Darlington requesting the loan of the portrait of D<sup>r</sup> Baldwin belonging to the Museum Company for the purpose of making a Lithographic Copy -

the Secretary was directed to communicate with Col. Child the agent of D<sup>r</sup> Darlington on the subject informing him that the Board are willing to grant the request of taking the copy, but cannot permit the original painting to be removed from the Museum

An application having been made to this Board for the purchase of the Organ belonging to the Museum - it was Resolved that it is inexpedient at this time to make a sale of the same -

Adjourned

April 6th 1843

This being the evening for holding the stated meeting of the Board Messrs R Peale Lewis Griffiths & Parker attended who not being a quorum adjourned till the evening of Tuesday the 11th inst -

April 11th 1843

The Board met pursuant to adjournment present Mess<sup>rs</sup> R. Peale P Peale Griffiths Parker Lewis & Keyser

The minutes of last meeting were read & adopted

The Secretary reported that he had complied with the instruction given at last meeting by communicating to Col. Child the decision of the Board on the application of D<sup>r</sup> Darlington - The Managers report for March was read & accepted showing a balance in his hands on the first inst of \$20<sup>40</sup>/100 -

The following resolution offered by G<sup>r</sup> Griffiths seconded by N<sup>r</sup> Lewis was adopted

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to confer with the American Philomathical Society on the subject of the property now occupied on lease by the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Comp<sup>y</sup> and report to this Board as early as practicable - Messrs P Peale & W D Lewis were appointed the Committee -

Adjourned -

May 2<sup>d</sup> 1843

A Stated Meeting of the Board was held this evening present Mess<sup>rs</sup> R Peale W D Lewis A.R. Perkins Jones Griffiths - The Secretary being absent S P Griffiths was appointed Sec<sup>y</sup> P.T.



The Managers report was read & ordered to be placed on file  
this report shows a balance in his hands on the first inst of  
\$30.<sup>39</sup>/100

A communication was received from John Frost asking permission  
to copy the features of some of the portraits in the Museum in  
Miniature in order to have them engraved for a Pictorial History  
of the which he is about to publish which request was on Motion  
of M<sup>r</sup> Griffiths granted under the usual restrictions -

M<sup>r</sup> Lewis from the Committee appointed to confer with the American  
Philosophical Society reported that the chairman had not called  
the Committee together from a belief that no benefit could result  
therefrom, no committee having been appointed by the Society to  
confer on the subject but frequent informal interviews were had  
with a member of the committee of said Society appointed to treat  
with Isaac B Parker on the subject of the Museum property; the  
result of which was that he has learned that the Am. Philosoph<sup>l</sup>  
Society had proposed to M<sup>r</sup> Parker to retain the Museum property  
giving him a mortgage thereon for \$30,000 and surrendering to him  
the collateral security which had been placed in their hands by  
Charles Wharton the owner of the Chestnut Street front as an in-  
demnity against any loss that might occur in consequence of the  
sale of that portion of the property producing a less sum than  
the mortgage for \$30,000 which covered the whole, which proposi-  
tion M<sup>r</sup> Parker declined accepting - the Committee were continued -

The Board having received information that at a Sheriffs  
Sale held at the Exchange on the evening of the 1st inst the  
Museum building & lot was purchased by Isaac B. Parker, Esq  
it was on motion Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed  
to confer with M<sup>r</sup> Parker relative to our occupancy of our present  
premises - Messrs R. Peale & I Coaly Jones were appointed on  
said Committee -

Adjourned -

June 6th 1843

A Stated Meeting of the Board was held this evening present  
Messrs R. Peale F. Peale Griffiths Lewis Elliott & Parker -  
The Minutes of last meeting were read & adopted -

The Managers report for the past Month was read & ordered



to be placed on file this report shows a balance of \$74.69 in the hands of the Manager on the 1st inst -

The Committee appointed to confer with Isaac B Parker Esq relative to the occupancy of the Museum building presented a report which was read & accepted and the following resolution adopted -

Resolved that the Committee appointed to confer with Isaac B Parker be authorized to make such arrangements with him for the continuance of the collection in its present location as in their discretion may best promote the interests of the Institution.

M<sup>r</sup> Elliott was added to the Committee -

On Motion adjourned -

July 4th 1843

This being the time for holding the Stated Meeting Mess<sup>rs</sup> Griffiths & Parker attended who adjourned the meeting till Friday evening next at half past 7 O'Clock -

July 7th 1843

An adjourned meeting was called for this evening present Messrs Jones Perkins & Griffiths who not being a quorum adjourned -

August 1st 1843

This being the evening for holding the regular Stated Meeting Mess<sup>rs</sup> R Peale & Parker attended but no other member appearing

Adjoined

September 6th 1843

A Stated Meeting of the Board was held this evening present Mess<sup>rs</sup> R. Peale F. Peale Jones Perkins Parker & Keyser -

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & adopted -

The Committee appointed to confer with Isaac B Parker & make such arrangements with him as they may think advantageous to this Company presented a contract which they had entered into with him, duly executed -

On Motion it was ordered that said contract be entered at length on the Minutes -

A communication was received from William M<sup>C</sup>Guigan Agent for Isaac B Parker stating that by the contract entered into between the Museum Company & M<sup>r</sup> Parker the latter was entitled to all the Monies taken at the door of the Museum since the date of the Sheriff's deed May 13th 1843 but that he had only received said Monies from the 12th day of June and requests the payment of the Monies received during the intermediate time; he also requests that a list of the Stockholders of the Museum Company may be furnished him the better to enable him to carry out the contract entered into with M<sup>r</sup> Parker - he has likewise sent with his communication the Policy of insurance on the Museum building which George Ord Treasurer of the An<sup>CH</sup> Philosophical Society left in his hands for this Company, and a box directed to the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Company sent by Michael Mahon U.S. Consul St Iago de Cuba - he also informs that a Mustache Monkey (Simia Saphus) has been presented to the Museum Comp<sup>y</sup> by T B Elliott Esq which he has Skinned & placed in a state of preservation, and that he has also received the bones of the head of a Catfish from Madison Indiana presented by Robert Scott and requests that the receipt of these several articles may be acknowledged - said Communication having been read it was on Motion

Resolved that the Treasurer be appointed to make a settlement with the door-keeper & receive any balance in her hands belonging to the Company & pay over to the Agent of M<sup>r</sup> Parker whatever sum may be due him under the contract and that the Secretary be requested to acknowledge the receipt of the policy of insurance and the other articles referred to in M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>C</sup>Guigan's communication

On Motion it was ordered that the Policy of insurance be placed in the hands of the Treasurer with directions to withdraw the premiums paid for insurance of the Museum buildings -

A communication dated 26th of July last was received from Samuel P. Griffitts Jr resigning his situation as a member of this board which was read and the resignation accepted

Adjourned

Agreement between Isaac Brown Parker and the Philadelphia  
Museum Company -

Agreement made the twenty third day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight and forty three between Isaac Brown Parker of Burlington in the State of New Jersey of the one part & the Philadelphia Museum Company of the other part - Whereas the said Isaac Brown Parker has lately purchased at Sheriff's sale All that Messuage & lot of ground situate on the east side of Ninth Street & North side of George Street in the City of Philadelphia containing in front on Ninth Street sixty eight feet two inches and on George Street two hundred & thirty seven feet and hath received from the Sheriff a deed for the same with the appurtenances - And Whereas the said the Philadelphia Museum Company occupants of parts of the said Messuage or building have delivered up the possession and surrenders the same unto the said Isaac Brown Parker as purchaser as aforesaid, Now in consideration of the premises and of the sum of One dollar to him paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Isaac Brown Parker hath agreed and doth agree that the said the Philadelphia Museum Company shall have the possession and privilege to keep & continue all and singular the articles & specimens of Natural history Mineralogy and other scientific & valuable articles and all the other articles of curiosity at present constituting the Museum entire as it now is together with the cases and boxes or shelves in which the said articles are now contained and exhibited in the Apartment or room in which they now are exhibited free from any charge claim or demand on the part of him the said Isaac Brown Parker in the nature of rent or other pecuniary consideration but without risque or charge to said Isaac Brown Parker or accountability in any manner on his part provided the the said Museum & the articles therein contained be kept & continued as they are at the date of these presents entire and without reduction in amount and arranged in the manner they are at the dates of these presents & that none of the said articles & specimens be removed from the said room or from its present situation & arrangement And it is further agreed that each of the Stockholders of the said The Philadelphia Museum Company shall



have the permission & privilege for himself alone to visit without charge the room in which the said articles & specimens are exhibited whenever the said room shall be open unless the same shall be at this time used or occupied for the purpose of a concert or other public exhibition or performance for money beyond & besides the exhibition of the Museum it being the intention of the parties & the object of clause that the respective Stockholders of the said The Philadelphia Museum Company shall not be required to pay at the door for admission to the Museum Monthly - And provided that this privilege of admission shall not be transferable unless or except with the share of stock owned by the present Stockholder & shall not authorize the free admission of any other person or persons than the individual Stockholder for the time being. And it is further agreed that the said Isaac Brown Parker is to have & receive & to retain for his own use all the Money that may have been taken at the door of said room since the date of the Sheriff's deed to him as well from visitors to the said Museum as to any other exhibition or performance and all that may be hereafter so taken as long as this agreement shall continue. And it is further agreed that the said The Philadelphia Museum Company shall also have permission & privilege to use a certain portion of the lobby of the lecture room in said building or part of the closets situate under the Museum room floor in said building for the deposit of such Articles & other goods & chattels belonging to the said Company as are not at present included in the exhibition of the said Museum & also the permission or privilege of meeting at their stated times in the room heretofore used by them for the purpose whenever the said room shall not be occupied otherwise by direction or permission of the said Isaac Brown Parker - And it is further agreed that this contract or Agreement may be put an end to & determined by either party after Ninety days notice in writing of such intentions to the other party and if at the expiration of such notices so given by either party any or all of the Articles and Specimens goods & chattels aforesaid shall remain on the premises the room or rooms & apartment or apartments in which they may so remain shall or may at the option of the said Isaac Brown Parker be deemed & considered



as having been demise & rented to the said the Philadelphia Museum Company from the date of these presents for a term of one year at the annual rent or sum of Ten thousand dollars payable Monthly and it shall be lawfull for the said Isaac Brown Parker thereupon to distrain upon the said Articles & Specimen goods & chattels for the rent so in arrears & to proceed with & sell the same according to the method & rules provided by the acts of Assembly of Pennsylvania in relation to rent in arrear or at the option of the said Isaac Brown Parker it shall be lawful for him to remove the said articles & specimens goods & chattels from the said building to some other place or places where they shall remain when so removed at the cost expense and risk of the said The Philadelphia Museum Company but the distraining upon such articles and specimens goods & chattels and proceeding with them according to law shall not be considered as giving the said The Philadelphia Museum Company any of the rights & privileges of a tenant in respect to the possession of the premises or so as in any manner whatever to interfere with the possession of the same by the said Isaac Brown Parker -

In witness whereof the said Isaac Brown Parker hath hereunto set his hand & seal & the said The Philadelphia Museum Company have hereunto set & affixed their common or corporate seal the day & year first above written -

Sealed & delivered  
in presence of us by  
Isaac Brown Parker

I. B. Parker



Corporate  
Seal of the  
Museum  
Company

Rev. Foale  
I. Cooley Jones  
Committee &c

Signed { David Weatherly  
Jon. W. Ervin

October 3<sup>d</sup> 1843

This being the period for holding the Stated meeting for the present Month Mess<sup>rs</sup> A Peale Keyser & Parker attended who not being a quorum  
Adjourned

November 7th 1843

This being the time for holding the Stated Meeting Mess<sup>rs</sup> A Peale & Parker attended but no other Gentlemen appearing  
Adjourned

December 5th 1843

A Stated Meeting was held this evening present Mess<sup>rs</sup> A Peale P. Peale Keyser Jones Perkins & Parker -

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved-

The Treasurer reports that he made application to the  
for the return of the premium of insurance on the Museum building and received for answer that the Company had no funds in hand to pay the sum he had therefore as the best that could be done received their certificate of acknowledgment of the amount due - he also reports that he has made a settlement with the former door keeper & that the balance in her hands was \$93.<sup>12</sup>/<sub>100</sub> which has been paid to him; that of this sum \$55.<sup>15</sup>/<sub>100</sub> having been received between the 13th of May & 12th of June belonged to Isaac S Parker by the terms of the contract entered into between him & this Company and had accordingly been paid over to his agent & his receipt taken therefor - that he had also paid to Harry Stewart the former attendant \$11 being balance of wages due him - leaving in his (the Treasurers) hands the sum of \$26.97 in which is included two due bills of Sam<sup>l</sup> P Griffitts amounting to \$10 -

On Motion the President & Franklin Peale were appointed a Committee to prepare the report to be presented to the Stockholders at the Annual Meeting in January next and the President was requested to present the same to the Meeting -

The Secretary was requested to advertise the Annual Meeting of Stockholders & the election for directors in two daily News-

papers in accordance with the requisition of the Charter & Bye laws of the Company

Adjourned

Held Jan<sup>y</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> -1844

This being the time for holding the Stated Meeting of the Board of Directors Messrs Jones F. Peale Perkins & Parker attended but not being a quorum

Adjourned

February 6th 1844

A Stated Meeting of the Board was held this evening present Mess<sup>rs</sup> E. Peale F. Peale Perkins Keyser & Parker -

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved -

The Stockholders having failed to elect Directors to serve for the year 1844 the Gentlemen elected for 1843 agreeably to the provisions of the Charter continue in office untill others are chosen -

The Secretary informed the Board that he had been applied to by a Committee appointed at the Meeting of Stockholders for the books containing the Minutes of the Directors and requested the decision of the Board in relation thereto - On Motion of Mess<sup>rs</sup> F. Peale and Perkins it was Resolved that the Secretary be required to retain possession of the Minutes of this Board but to be subject to the examination of any legally constituted committee of the Stockholders -

A letter was received from William D Lewis Esq<sup>r</sup> resigning his seat as a member of this Board which was read and accepted

Adjourned -

February 13th 1844

The Gentlemen elected Directors of the Museum Company for the present year assembled agreeably to the requisition of the Bye Laws E. W Keyser was called to the Chair and Jos. Parker appointed Secretary -

By the return made by the Judges of the Election held on the 7th inst it appears that the following Gentlemen

have been duly elected Directors for the present year Vis<sup>t</sup>

Hembrandt Peale	Joseph Parker	I. Comly Jones
Franklin Peale	Ab <sup>m</sup> R Perkins	Willi <sup>m</sup> P Smith
Isaac Elliott	Elhanan W Keyser	John E. Kane

of whom were present Mess<sup>rs</sup> H. Peale, Jonas F Peale Parker & Elliott -

On Motion the Board proceeded to the election of Officers  
F. Peale being appointed Teller, who reported the following  
named Gentlemen elected

Hembrandt Peale	President
Joseph Parker	Secretary
I. Comly Jones	Treasurer

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Parker Keyser & Perkins were appointed the Committee  
of investigation with directions to proceed to the completion  
of the business entrusted to the Committee by resolutions of  
former Boards

Hembrandt Peale and Franklin Peale were appointed to have a  
general Superintendence of the Museum Collection - Adjourned

March 5th 1844

This being the time for holding the Stated Meeting Mess<sup>rs</sup> R Peale  
Perkins Keyser & Parker attended but not being a quorum  
Adjourned

April 2<sup>d</sup> - 1844

Mess<sup>rs</sup> R Peale Perkins Jones and Parker attended at the regular  
time for Meeting No other member appearing Adjourned -

May 7th 1844

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith & Parker were the only members who attended this  
evening

June 4th 1844

A Stated Meeting of the Board was held this evening present  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> H. Peale, F. Peale Keyser Perkins & Parker

William P Smith was added to the Committee of Investigation -  
There being no other business Adjourned



July 3<sup>d</sup> - 1844

No Members of the Board attended this evening -

August 6th 1844

The Secretary having been some time absent from the City the Members were not notified of the Meeting for this evening -

September 3<sup>d</sup> 1844

There was no Quorum in attendance this evening

October 1st 1844

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Perkins & Parker were the only members who met this evening -

November 5th 1844

There was no Quorum in attendance this evening -

December 3<sup>d</sup> 1844

No Meeting of the Board was held this evening -

Tuesday Evening April 1 1845

A Stated meeting of the Board was held this Evening - present Messrs H. Peale, E. Keyser, Joseph Parker, A. E. Perkins, and Isaac Elliott

The Judges Appointed by the Stockholders at their late Annual Meeting, to hold an Election for Directors - Not having Made their returns, as they were required to do by the Bye Laws under which they were Appointed - and the memorandum shown to this Board by the Gentlemen having charge of the Building, being the only evidence before them in the Case having Satisfied the Members thereof that no Others had been elected in their Stead -

Therefore, it will be Continued under its present organization, in Accordance with the provisions of the 2<sup>d</sup> Section of the Charter, for Such Case made & provided - and the Committees Appointed during the Year having unfinished in their Charge are Consequently also Continued,

The President laid before the Board a copy of a Summons issued by the Supreme Court for the Eastern District of Penn-

sylvania by which it appears that the Trustees of the late Bank United States have instituted a Suit against the Phil<sup>a</sup> Museum Company for the Amount of the Company's Note held by them for One Hundred Thousand Dollars with Interest, Costs &c, Amounting to \$112,941.27

On Motion the Subject was referred to a Committee Consisting of Messrs Franklin Peale, Kane & Elliott with powers to Act -

A Communication was received from Mr M<sup>c</sup>Guigan informing the Board that some Specimens preserved in Spirits are in danger of being Spoilt in Consequence of the evaporation of the liquid in which they have been kept On Motion it was

Resolved that Mr M<sup>c</sup>Guigan be requested to furnish and apply the quantity of Alcohol necessary for the preservation of the Specimens referred to in his Communication -

Joseph Parker having tendered his resignation as Secretary, it was

Resolved, that this Board has heard with regret the decision of their Secretary to retire from the Situation he has so ably and faithfully filled for Several Years past, but having no Claims to trespass further on his time and Convenience they hereby in Compliance with his wishes Accept his resignation

An Election to fill the Vacancy Occasioned by the above resignation - resulted in a unanimous vote in favor of Franklin Peale, who was thereupon declared to be duly Elected Secretary to this Board,

Adjourned,

Phil, Tuesday Evening June 10, 1845

A Special Meeting of the Board was held this evening - present Messrs R. Peale, Elliott, Parker, Smith, Keyser, & Perkins.

Abm R. Perkins, was Appointed Secr. pro. tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved - Mr Elliott from the Committee Appointed at last meeting to Attend to the Suit instituted by the Trustees of the United States Bank against the Phil<sup>a</sup> Museum Company Presented the following letter

from H. Patterson Esq. the Counsel having charge of the business

Copy

Phil. Museum June 10 1845

Gentlemen,

At the request of my friend M<sup>r</sup> Franklin Peale, I promised gratuitously to Superintend the interests of the Philadelphia Museum in the Suit brought against it by the Trustees of the Bank of the United States - upon Conversation with the Gentlemen best acquainted with the business concerns of the Museum and an examination of its records I became convinced that there was no just or even technical defense to that Action. Judgement has accordingly been rendered to the Bank for (I think) \$112,000: a result which is truly to be regretted, but which was inevitable, since my Connection with this matter I have left the Bar - It would not, therefore be convenient nor indeed would I feel justified in giving my Service any longer in a legal Capacity - I understand there are some private deposits in the Museum - perhaps the Law might protect these from an execution if proper legal Steps were taken - by all means a Counsel should be retained for that purpose - I myself cannot attend to it nor do I know one who could without being properly retained

With great respect

For the Museum Copy -

Signed- Robt Patterson

The President having desired M<sup>r</sup> Elliott to take the Chair, proceeded to offer the following preamble and resolutions, which after having been read, and discussed - were adopted Unanimously -

Whereas the Original act of Incorporation of the Philadelphia Museum, passed in the Year 1835 - were especially intended to Secure to Philad<sup>a</sup> and the State of Pennsylvania the benefits of this Institution that as large and valuable a Collection be placed beyond the Chance of division, and that its Improvements Should be encouraged and Secured by Consolidating its interests Therewith,

Resolved, according to the Aforesaid Acts of Assembly, that Neither the entire Museum nor any part thereof can be removed from the City of Philadelphia except duplicates of the least value



Not can any of the Articles belonging to the Museum be Sold or Otherwise Disposed of by the Corporate power of the Museum or by Any Act that may take place under its Authority -

Resolved as the Sense of this Board, that when the Bank United States Consented to furnish funds for the erection of a Building for the better display and safe keeping of the Museum Collection, its Agents in this transaction, officers in the Bank, necessarily looked to the special and very peculiar nature of the Museum Charter, and the restrictions by which its movable property was to be "preserved & Consolidated" and therefore had no other Security for the repayment of Money loaned, but in view of the Building which their Money was to erect, and the Collateral Security of the Additional Stock which the Agents of the Bank in Connexion with the Museum, undertook to sell for the purpose of refunding the money loaned.

Resolved, that the Building erected at so great a Cost having passed away as the property of the Museum Company in consequence of a Series of untoward events, the Bank can look to no real Estate for remuneration, and must therefore resort to such Securities as were passed over to it in good faith.

Resolved, that although the aforesaid note was given to the Bank under the Authority of the Museum Corporation, the Bank by the 8th Section of the Supplement of the Museum Charter is forbidden under any such Authority to Sell any of the Articles of the Museum -

Resolved, that this is obviously the legal state of the Case because the Bank on various occasions assumed to be the real Owners of the Stock assigned to them, by Voting at the Elections for Directors, and because if a promissory Note from the Museum to the Bank for any Sum, could authorise the Bank to Sell the Articles of the Museum notwithstanding this, Acts of Assembly Any Collateral Security would be of no use As Collateral to Such an imperative power -

Resolved that as all trusts or Conditions under which the Said Corporation may have Consented to receive any Loan gift or grant, or bequest of Any Article or Articles for exhibition in



the Said Museum" and "no misnomer of the Said Corporation shall defeat" or Annul any Gift, Grant, devise or bequest - to or for the use of the Said Museum" it therefore clearly follows, that the Museum shall remain integrate & Capable of realising such Trusts and Conditions, and that no Act Committed by the officers of the Museum Company shall Annul and defeat the purpose intended -

Resolved, that a meeting of the Stockholders be Convened to meet at the Museum, by permission of the proprietor of the Building, on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of June Inst. to take such Measures as may to them seem best Calculated to preserve and perpetuate the Museum in the language and meaning of the Charter" for the public benefit \_\_\_\_\_

A Communication was received from Franklin Peale Esqr resigning his Situation as member of this Board, which was read and Accepted -

This Board having also heard with regret the death of their late worthy member I. Conly Jones, It was Resolved, to proceed to an Election for two Members to Supply the Vacancies thus Occasioned - whereupon -

John H. Markland Esqr &

Joseph Lindsey

Were Unanimously Elected Directors of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Museum Company -

On Motion Adjourned -

[Continued from the volume of "Hough Minutes," Historical Society  
of Pennsylvania.]

Tuesday Eveng. July 1, 1845

A Stated Meeting of the Board was held this evening, present,  
Messrs. Peale, Keyser, Elliott, Parker, and Perkins.

A. R. Perkins acted as Secty. pro tempore. The minutes of last  
meeting read & approved.

The Report of the Committee appointed at the meeting of the stockholders  
23rd ult. and continued by adjournment to 31st ult. was presented  
by Mr. Peale, a member of that com., and read for the information  
of this Board.

The Secty. pro tem. informed the Board that he had notified the Gentlemen  
elected Directors at the last meeting, of their appointment, and  
that they both had accepted thereof.

There being no business requiring attention  
on motion

adjourned.

August 5th 1845

This being the evening for the stated meeting Messrs. Peale,  
Smith, Lindsey & Parker attended but no quorum being present adjourned.

Sept 2nd 1845

Evening for stated meeting, present Mr. R. Peale (Pres.), Messrs Keyser  
& Markland.

No quorum being present

Adjourned.

Philad. Museum,

Tuesday Evng. Sept. 2[3], 1845]

A special meeting of the Board was held this Evening, present Messrs. Peale, Keyser, Elliott, Parker, Smith & Perkins.

The President informed the Board that he had received a communication from Mr. Markland, one of the Counsel employed by the Com; appointed at the last stockholders meeting, informing him that an application had been made to the Court to open the Judgement obtained by the Trustees of the United States Bank, and that Saturday next had been appointed for a hearing of the case.

The President also communicated the particulars of a plan which had been in contemplation between Mr. Ed. Peale of Baltimore and the Trustees of the United States Bank, the object of which was to enable him to purchase the collection under certain restrictions, it however had fallen through, but another, having been got up between them he (Mr. Edmund Peale) had requested the President to lay the following Propositions before the Board:

Here enter Mr. Peales, Proposal -

Having agreed with the trustees of the Bank of the United States to purchase the property of the Philad. Museum Co. in case the same should be sold under their judgement and execution & the said Company having made an application to the Court to open said Judgement which may cause delay in the completion of my arrangements I do agree if the said Company will withdraw said application & permit the sale to proceed without interruption or difficulty on their part to retain the Museum in the City of Philada. in the same manner as the said Company are bound by their Charter to do, & further to give each of the present stockholders individually the right of admission to the said Museum during life except when the same is exhibited in connection with other entertainments.

Ed Peale

Phila. Sept. 23d 1845

after maturely considering the various features of the case, on motion of

Mr Keyner, 14 was

Resolved, That this Board, never having recognized the correctness of the Judgement, opened against this Institution by the Trustees of the United States Bank, cannot receive [the] Proposition of Mr Peale at this time.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, it was

Resolved, That further negotiation with Mr. E. Peale, be postponed for the present.

On motion, adjourned.

Ab. R. Perkins

Secty. pro tem.



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